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## PREFACE TO THE EDITION OF 1894.

In Volume XI. of the *Beta Theta Pi*, published in 1883-84, the writer contributed, under the title of "Fraternity Studies," a series of articles on the history of the fraternity and related topics. Many times since then the republication of these articles has been suggested, but lack of time has prevented. At the convention of 1893 there was observable among the younger members an ignorance concerning many important events in the history of our fraternity which was especially noticeable to one who had not attended recent conventions continuously. It was felt that the time was, perhaps, ripe to revise and bring down to date the studies of ten years ago, and the writer sought and obtained authority to prepare the volume herewith presented to the fraternity.

The scope of the book has been somewhat restricted, to avoid encroaching upon the proper sphere of the fraternity's catalogue, and hence information concerning the institutions wherein our chapters are or have been located, lists of charter members, and other similar items, have been omitted. It was at one time intended to insert portraits of some of the earnest workers in the fraternity who have so materially assisted in its upbuilding, but an unexpected obstacle was encountered in carrying out this

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plan in the reluctance of many to admit their right to be included in this class, and the idea was abandoned.

Minor errors are inevitable in a work of this kind, and where so many proper names occur mistakes are unavoidable, and we apologize in advance for those which may be found.

Thanks are especially due to the members of the Executive Committee, to the secretaries of the Alpha, Iota and Gamma chapters, and to many other members of the fraternity for valuable and timely assistance.

“Brothers, through all life’s shade and sunshine fleeting,  
Where’er your paths may lie,  
God speed your onward steps! Brothers, my greeting  
In Beta Theta Pi!  
And may the eternal sunshine find us banding  
As we have done to-night,  
Crowned with ‘the peace that passeth understanding’  
Upon God’s hills of light!”

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The lapse of time has caused a demand for a new edition of this book. Its scope is a trifle enlarged. It has been entirely rewritten and revised and brought down to date. The title has been changed because the designation “Fraternity Studies” was frequently confused with the author’s “Manual of American College Fraternities.” It is hoped that a study of the book will secure an appreciation of the standing of the fraternity on the part of those interested.



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## CHAPTER I.

### *From the Foundation of the Fraternity to the End of the year 1844.*

The system of college fraternities now existing in the colleges of the United States and Canada originated with the foundation of  $\Phi$  B K at the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, on the 5th day of December, 1776. The first meeting was held in the Apollo room of the Raleigh Tavern. The members entered into a solemn covenant to preserve the secrets of the society and to promote and advance its interests. They chose as a distinctive emblem a square silver medal to be suspended from a cord, they drew up a constitution, held regular meetings, and began work similar to that of the fraternities of to-day. In December, 1778, a resolution was passed admitting non-collegians to membership, and another providing for the regular extension of the society. In July, 1779, a charter was granted to Samuel Hardy for the establishment of a "B" branch, and shortly after charters were issued for  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta$ , E and Z branches, the last two being at Harvard and Yale respectively, and the others, including an H at Richmond and a  $\Theta$  at Westmoreland, being non-collegiate. In April, 1780, the first move toward the establishment of a chapter at Yale

was taken by the initiation of four men at Goshen, Conn., and in November, 1780, the chapter was established at New Haven, changing its name, however, to that of "Alpha of Connecticut." In January, 1781, the parent chapter ceased to exist, owing to the approach of the contending armies of the Revolutionary war to Williamsburg. In September, 1781, after the death of the parent chapter, the "Alpha of Massachusetts" was established at Harvard. In 1787 a chapter was established at Dartmouth, in 1817 at Union, in 1825 at Bowdoin and in 1825 at Brown. The badge was changed to a key about 1820. In 1831, the Harvard chapter disclosed its secrets, and the society thereafter became purely a formal organization, initiating students about to graduate and conferring its membership only upon those who had attained high rank.

In 1825, the K A, or Kappa Alpha, society was formed at Union College, by John Hunter and other members of the class of '26. This society, in its external features, resembled  $\Phi$  B K, of which a chapter had been established at Union in 1817. It was secret. It displayed a key badge, and it named its chapters on the same system. In March, 1827, ten seniors at Union founded  $\Sigma$   $\Phi$ , and in November of the same year nine seniors founded  $\Delta$   $\Phi$ . In 1829, the I. K. A. society was established at Trinity College, Connecticut. It was similar to these other organizations, but has remained local.  $\Sigma$   $\Phi$  placed a branch or chapter at Hamilton College in 1831, and in 1832 A  $\Delta$   $\Phi$  was founded at that place. In 1833,  $\Psi$   $\Upsilon$  originated

at Union, and K A placed a chapter at Williams, followed one year later by  $\Sigma \Phi$ . Here they found a new rival, in the shape of an anti-secret society called the Social Fraternity, and which has since united with other similar organizations to form  $\Delta \Upsilon$ . In 1837, the Mystical Seven and  $\Phi N \Theta$  were founded at Wesleyan. The former was not Greek in name, but was otherwise similar. It established several chapters and in 1890 united with B  $\Theta$  II.  $\Phi N \Theta$  has remained local. A  $\Delta \Phi$  was founded by an Ohio man, and established its second chapter at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1835, and in 1839 the first western fraternity, B  $\Theta$  II, originated there.

At the time of the establishment of B  $\Theta$  II, then, the fraternity field was occupied as follows: K A was at Union and Williams,  $\Delta \Phi$  at Union and Brown,  $\Psi \Upsilon$  at Union and New York University,  $\Sigma \Phi$  at Union, Hamilton, Williams and New York University, A  $\Delta \Phi$  at Hamilton, Miami, New York University, Columbia, Yale, Amherst, Brown, Harvard and the Cincinnati Law School, I. K. A. at Trinity, and the Mystical Seven and  $\Phi N \Theta$  at Wesleyan.

The founders of Beta Theta Pi were John Reily Knox, of the class of '39, and Samuel Taylor Marshall, of the class of '40, at Miami University. Knox tells the story of the origin of the society as follows:

"To begin with the beginning, it was during the winter session of 1838-39 that the idea of forming a secret association first suggested itself to my mind. I saw there

were many advantages in such an association which could not otherwise be enjoyed. Such combinations are as old as the wants of man and coeval with the growth of literature.<sup>1</sup>

Circumstances had made me somewhat prominent in a rather bitter fight in the literary association of which I was a member against the society of the A Δ Φ, and in which, though successful, I had learned to admire the compact organization and *esprit de corps* of its members. About the same time, too, I came across an old book, no copy of which I have seen since, and the name of which I have forgotten, giving an account of some of the secret organizations of the middle ages."<sup>2</sup> "The great secret of their success consisted not in numbers but in union. \* \* \* In some of these societies, however, were to be found many objectionable features \* \* \*. Some of these were to be found in the A Δ Φ society as it was organized at Miami University, and I imagined that an association might be formed which would embrace the good without the ingredient of evil. My attention was drawn more forcibly to this by the dissension then existing in the Union hall, and which I conceived originated in the Alpha society."<sup>1</sup>

"Being impressed with the force that lies in compact organization, an idea that had been the subject of conversation between two or three of us grew on me, and I went to sketching out a plan, the constitution and obliga-

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<sup>1</sup> Letter to E. B. Stevens, April 14, 1843.

<sup>2</sup> "Recollections of 1839," written for the 35th Convention.

tions for a new society. While engaged in doing this, I had repeated conferences with the gentleman whose name stands second on the roll, S. T. Marshall, now of Iowa."<sup>1</sup> "But if you know Marshall, I need not tell you that he is one of the most sanguine men in existence. The idea once started, he would not give it up until I set to work. In the first place, I got the Greek lexicon and turned it over in search of a name. The present one was finally selected. Then came the badge. This was more difficult than the other. \* \* We then went to work on the constitution. \* \* \* The next question was, Who shall we connect with us in this matter? Charles Hardin roomed next door to Marshall, so we called him in, and I initiated him and Taylor (Marshall)."<sup>2</sup>

Marshall says: "I was a student at Miami University, having entered in the fall of 1836 and graduated August 13, 1840. While there I was approached by a member of the A Δ Φ, who spoke to me, and asked how I would like to join a Greek society, etc. I told him to let me think about it a week, because at that time there was a great prejudice against such secret societies, not only among the students, but also among the faculty. At the end of the week I told my friend that I feared to join the A Δ Φ on account of the bad effect it might have on my standing in my class, etc. However, I began to ruminate and study about it, and finally, in the spring and summer of 1839, I thought I could found a society

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<sup>1</sup> Recollections of 1893, written for the 39th Convention.

<sup>2</sup> Letter to E. B. Stevens, April 14, 1843.

and keep it secret, so that no one would know who belonged. I wrote the constitution and submitted it to John Reily Knox, and asked him to become a member and one of the founders, and he agreed to it. Mr. Knox was in the senior class, and I was in the junior class. Then James G. Smith, who was in my class, was consulted, and joined us. I dated the constitution as being of July 4th, 1839.”<sup>1</sup>

It would seem that both Knox and Marshall had independently conceived the idea of forming such a society, and that it only took shape after it had been mutually discussed.

The constitution referred to by Marshall was very short and simple. Its main provisions were as follows:

### CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. The title of this association shall be Beta Theta Pi.

ART. 2. The motto of this association shall be \* \* \*.

ART. 3. The objects of this association are \* \* \*.

ART. 4. The visible badge of this association shall be a breast-pin bearing on front the following characters: 1st, three stars; 2nd, a crescent; 3rd, the initial letters of the motto; 4th, the date of the formation of this association; on the back, a heart with a spear passed through it, together with the name of the member who wears it.

ART. 5. The secret password of this society shall be \* \* \*.

ART. 6. No chapter of this association shall consist of more than nine nor less than three regular members.

ART. 7. No person shall become a member of this association of whose abilities we are not well assured, and in whose

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<sup>1</sup> Letter written to the editor, February 1, 1894.



fidelity we have not the most implicit confidence, and not then unless by the united concurrence of every member present.

ART. 8. Other branches of this association may be established at such places as may be thought suitable and prudent.

ART. 9. The badge shall not be worn by any member whilst in attendance at college or in such other places as may be deemed by himself or the members of this association unsuitable.

ART. 10. An address shall be delivered in private to the members of this association on each anniversary of its foundation.

ART. 11. The members of each chapter shall meet at least once in each month, for the purpose of hearing an essay read by some member. who shall have been appointed for this purpose, on any subject connected with the objects of this association.

ART. 12. The signs, symbols, proceedings and constitution of this association shall be kept inviolably secret.

ART. 13. Every member, before becoming a member of this association, shall bind himself with the following obligation:

Knox says: "The members present at the first meeting were Marshall, Linton, Smith and myself. The meeting was held in a room occupied at the time by Taylor Marshall, in that part of the college building at Oxford known as the 'old wing.' " <sup>1</sup>

There seems to be no record of this meeting. Some time between July 4 and August 8, 1839, Charles H. Hardin, John H. Duncan, M. C. Ryan and Thos. B. Gordon were added, and the record of the first formal meeting, as found in Alpha's record book, reads as follows:

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, *August 9, 1839.*

The following young men, students of Miami University, namely, John R. Knox, Samuel T. Marshall. David Linton, J. G.

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<sup>1</sup> Letter to E. B. Stevens, April 14, 1848.

Smith, Charles H. Hardin. John H. Duncan, M. C. Ryan and Thomas B. Gordon, having associated themselves together, formed and subscribed the foregoing constitution, laws and obligations, held, agreeably to previous arrangement, their first regular meeting in the hall of the Union Literary Society at 9 o'clock on Thursday evening, August 8, Anno Domini 1839.

John H. Duncan, having been previously elected as first president of this association, delivered his inaugural address as required, and entered upon the discharge of his duties. David Linton, who had been previously appointed to prepare a suitable address for the occasion, discharged the duty devolving upon him in an essay upon the first, and an *ex tempore* address upon the last, words of the motto. J R. Knox was then elected to address the society upon the first anniversary of its foundation. Thos. B. Gordon was appointed to prepare the essay for the next meeting. Mr. Ryan proposed that it should be the duty of the secretary to inform by letter all absent members of the election of any new member, which proposition was agreed to. As a portion of the members would be absent during the approaching recess of the university, it was deemed advisable to adjourn to meet on the second Thursday of October, and the society adjourned accordingly.

JOHN H. DUNCAN, *Pres.*

JAMES G. SMITH, *Sec.*

The society still lacked one of the magical nine, and steps were taken to remedy it. The following minutes tell how the ninth man was elected and initiated:

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, *Thursday, Oct. 10, 1839.*

The society met in the Erodelphian Hall. Present—Messrs. Duncan, Gordon, Marshall, Hardin and Smith. Mr. Gordon read the essay which he had been appointed to prepare for the evening, and Mr. Hardin was appointed to prepare one for the next regular meeting. H. H. Johnson was then proposed as a gentleman possessing every qualification for membership in the Beta Theta Pi association, and all those present having expressed

a wish that he should be admitted as a brother member, Mr. Gordon was selected as the most suitable person to make the proposition to the member-elect, and, in case he should accept of membership in the Beta Theta Pi. to introduce him at the next regular meeting. The society then adjourned to meet on the second Thursday of November.

JOHN H. DUNCAN, *Pres.*

JAMES G. SMITH, *Sec.*

*November 14, 1839.*

The society met in the room of H. H. Johnson. Present—Messrs. Hardin, Gordon, Duncan, Marshall and Smith. Mr. Johnson having subscribed to the constitution, was welcomed as a brother member of the B Θ Π. Mr. Hardin then read the essay which he was appointed to prepare, and Mr. Johnson was appointed to read at the next regular meeting. The members then discussed the propriety of adopting some new exercise which should increase the interest and prolong the meetings of the society, and Messrs. Smith and Johnson a committee to report a plan for consideration at the next meeting.

JOHN H. DUNCAN, *Pres.*

JAMES G. SMITH, *Sec.*

During the college year of 1839-40, the mother chapter was busily perfecting its organization. As secret societies were strictly prohibited at Miami, a little indiscretion would have caused the collapse and ruin of the infant project. Such a disaster was once very narrowly escaped. One of the students became suspicious of the frequent meetings and consultations of his companions, guessed their object and purpose, and insisted upon being initiated. In order to satisfy him, he was treated to a mock initiation, and so gotten rid of.

The first badge which was designed by Marshall, had the same general outline as the one in present use. The wreath, however, was not used at first,

but a crescent was placed under the three stars, Marshall had the first badges made in Cincinnati, in the fall of 1839.

It was intended by the founders to originate a widespread fraternity, and the form of the organization had hardly been determined upon before efforts were made to extend the society. The first branch or chapter was located in Cincinnati, where the A Δ Φ had a branch organization at the Cincinnati Law College. It was apparently not connected with any educational institution, although its members were mostly college men. In fact, it is doubtful whether the fraternity was intended to be confined to educational institutions at this time. It will be observed that Article 8 of the first constitution says that chapters "may be established at such *places*<sup>1</sup> as may be thought suitable and prudent," and does not restrict their establishment to educational institutions.

This first effort of extension was made in March, 1840. The minutes of the two meetings of the Miami chapter relating to the subject read as follows:

*March, 1840.*

Society met in the "Oxford Hotel." Absent—Johnson and Hamilton. As some of the members expected to visit Cincinnati during the college recess, it was deemed advisable to empower them to establish a chapter of B Θ Π in that city. After considerable discussion as to the propriety of such a measure, it was finally agreed to. Messrs. Paddock, Gordon and Hamilton were appointed on the committee to establish the chapter. This

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<sup>1</sup>In this respect resembling the Phi Beta Kappa.

being an irregular meeting, no regular business was transacted. The society accordingly adjourned.

JOHN H. DUNCAN, *Pres.*

JAMES G. SMITH, *Sec.*

*April, 1840*

The society met in the room of H. H. Johnson. Absent—Smith. Mr. Gordon delivered his inaugural address upon taking the chair as president, and Mr. Paddack read the essay which he had been appointed to prepare for the evening. Mr. Whiting was selected to read an essay at the next regular meeting of the society. On motion, Messrs. Duncan, Marshall and Hardin were appointed a committee to report at the next meeting on a suitable plan for observing the death of any of the members of B Θ II. It was further resolved that it be left to the consideration of the members to devise a system of correspondence between the different chapters of the B Θ II which are or may hereinafter be formed; and also between the chapters and their absent members. The propriety of bringing the maker of the breastpin (the badge of membership) under obligations of secrecy was also laid over for the action of the society at the next meeting. The committee that was appointed to establish a chapter of the B Θ II society at Cincinnati reported that they “discharged the duty assigned to them, and fully succeeded in effecting the object of their appointment.” There being no further business, the society adjourned.

T. B. GORDON, *Pres.*

H. H. JOHNSON, *Sec.*

The chapter referred to was established April 8, 1840, mainly through the efforts of Alexander Paddack, Miami, '41. He initiated Henry Snow, Miami, '38, and Henry Beard, Cincinnati College, '40, and perhaps one or two others. The new chapter, proud of its position and eager to exercise its privileges, immediately took up the work of spreading the order. Henry Beard who

lived in Zanesville, O., initiated his fellow townsmen, C. C. Gilbert, R. C. Hoffman and J. C. Culbertson, who were students at Ohio University, Athens, O., and a chapter was accordingly formed there November 9, 1841. Another member of the Cincinnati chapter, Lewis P. Harvey, who afterwards became Governor of Wisconsin, during the summer of 1841 entered into correspondence with a local society called the "Boannergians," at Western Reserve College, Hudson, O., and it became a chapter of the B @ II August 9, 1841.

In the meantime, the mother chapter was not idle, as the minutes of the meetings of July 14 and July 27 show:

*July 14, 1841.*

On motion, Messrs. Hamilton and Martin were authorized, with the consent of the Cincinnati chapter, to establish a branch of this association at Danville, Ky.

On motion, a chapter of this society was ordered to be established at Tuscaloosa, Ala. Whitney and Powe were appointed to take measures for its establishment.

*July 27, 1841.*

Society met. The president, Mr. Powe, being absent, Mr. Martin was called to the chair. Mr. Berry, elected last evening, was then initiated. Mr. Harbine read his essay. On motion, this chapter resolved (provided the Cincinnati chapter consent) to establish chapters of the Beta Theta Pi association at the following places; viz, at Lexington, Ky. (Martin, Berry and Collins, committee), at St. Louis (Hardin, committee), at Dickinson College, and at William and Mary College (Harbine, Collins and McCleary, committee).

On motion, McCleary, Collins and Harbine were appointed to procure a place of assemblage for our anniversary celebration. On motion, McCleary, Harbine and Collins were appointed a

committee of vigilance to watch over the interests of the society. Society adjourned.

T. A. POWE, *Pres.*

JAMES LONG, *Sec.*

Only the move to establish a chapter at Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., was successful, however. William S. Martin, of Miami, and Thos. G. Mitchell, of Cincinnati, jointly succeeded in placing a chapter in the then famous Transylvania Law School, January 31, 1842, and the minutes of the meeting of the Miami chapter, held February 8, 1842, contain the record: "The recorder then read Mr. Mitchell's letter bearing date of February 3, announcing the establishment of a chapter at Lexington, Ky." This entry is also noticeable from the fact that in it, for the first time in the records of the Alpha chapter, the secretary is called the *recorder*, though the title was used by the Cincinnati chapter in November, 1841. This term was in use for many years thereafter.

The parent chapter, too, was beginning to experience trouble. One of its members, becoming dissatisfied, desired to withdraw, but now that more than one chapter had to be consulted, the procedure was not so easy. The following minutes of the chapter show how the difficulty was met:

*Wednesday, March 3, 1842*

Called meeting. Blackburn absent. The recorder read Mr. Hibbins' letter of withdrawal from our association. Mr. McCleary moved "that the chapter release Mr. Hibbins from all obligations save that of secrecy." After considerable debate, the whole matter was postponed till the ensuing morning.

JNO. A. COLLINS, *Recorder of B Θ Π.*

*Wednesday, March 12, 1842.*

Chapter met. McLeary absent. Minutes were read and approved. Messrs. Berry and Stevens read essays. Mr. Blackburn was excused. Mr. Hamilton moved the following resolution: "That we debar I. S. Hibbins from the duties and privileges of this chapter, but that it is the sense of this chapter that it is beyond our power to exclude any member from the obligations and vows of the whole association.

This being the regular night for the election of officers, the society entered into an election, which resulted in the choice of Jno. J. Berry as president and A. W. Hamilton as recorder, after which the chapter adjourned.

JOHN ARMSTRONG COLLINS, *Recorder of B Θ Π.*

During the early part of the year 1842 Thomas Harbine, of Miami, made an effort to establish a chapter at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, but was unsuccessful. In May of this same year, Henry Snyder and Rodney Mason, who had both been students at Miami, changed their college, emigrating to Jefferson. The Miami Betas, knowing these men, suggested to them that they should establish a chapter. This was accordingly done June 1, 1842. It was the first fraternity chapter established in Pennsylvania, and has had an unbroken existence until the present day. It is our oldest continuous chapter.

The freedom from red tape which characterized these pioneers in the work of the fraternity is shown by the letter from Rodney Mason to the Miami chapter, announcing the formation of this chapter. It reads:

*CANONSBURGH, June 2, 1842.*

*My Dear Friend:* Yours of the 25th, as also Hamilton's of



the same date, was received several days since, and in compliance with the instructions of the society I proceeded immediately to make preparations for the establishment of a chapter, and accordingly spoke in regard to the probable success of an institution similar to ours to the gentlemen mentioned in my last. He thought that such a thing could be successfully established in this college. Upon my then telling our intention, and desiring his coöperation, he readily entered into the spirit of it, and immediately spoke to two of the most promising members of the senior class, and also to two of the juniors, who consented to give their influence in our favor. Deeming this to be a sufficient number for commencing operations, we last night organized "the Jefferson chapter of the Beta Theta Pi," which dates from the 1st of June, 1842, the members present being Ulysses Mercur, Towanda, Pa.; A. W. Hendricks, Madison, Ind.; W. M. Houston, Lowell, O., and myself.

In May, 1842, the chapter at Western Reserve publicly announced its existence, being the first of the chapters to do so.

August 15, 1842, the first triennial convention was held at Cincinnati. Delegates were present from the Miami, Cincinnati, Western Reserve and Ohio University chapters, and letters were read from the Transylvania chapter.

The convention lasted two days, and several mooted points were thoroughly discussed. The subject of resignations and expulsions was treated, the crescent on the badge was changed to a wreath and diamond, a seal was adopted, and it was decided that the existence of a chapter should remain secret if so desired. All the legislation was put

into the form of amendments to the constitution and no distinction, seemed to have been perceived between constitutional enactment and statute law. The provisions of the amended constitution, where they differ materially from the former one, are as follows:

ART. 3, SEC. 1. The visible badge of this association shall be a breastpin, the front of which shall be black enamel, bearing, *first*, three stars in gold \* \* \*; *second*, a diamond, encircled by a wreath in gold \* \* \*; *third*, the name of the association in gold; *fourth*, the date of its foundation in Greek characters and in gold. On the back, two hands clasped, \* \* \* the name of the member who wears it, and the date of the chapter to which he belongs.

SEC. 3. No chapter or member of this association shall reveal anything in regard to it, more than its existence; and no chapter shall reveal even the existence of another chapter without its consent.

ART. 4, SEC. 2. No person a member of any similar association shall be eligible to membership in this; and no member of this association shall be eligible to membership in any other association of similar object.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of each chapter semi-annually to make out a list of its members, a statement of its condition and prospects, and of such other matters as may seem advisable, and to transmit a copy of the same to every chapter of the association.

ART. 7. Each chapter shall celebrate the anniversary of its foundation by the delivery of an oration, and such other exercises as may be deemed suitable.

ART. 9. This association shall have a seal, to be stamped upon the seals of letters, the impression upon which shall be two

clasped hands and a Greek letter indicating the priority of the chapter.

ART. 10, SEC. 1. There shall be a triennial convention of delegates from all the chapters, each chapter sending as many representatives as it may deem proper; but the delegation from a single chapter having but one vote in the convention.

SEC. 3. The proceedings of this convention shall be valid, unless disapproved of by one-third of the chapters within four months after the final adjournment of the convention.

ART. 11. This constitution shall not be altered or amended except by the triennial convention; and shall be sovereign authority in all cases for which it provides; but each chapter shall make its own by-laws and such other regulations as may be necessary, provided that they conflict with no articles in the constitution.

This convention also considered the subject of establishing a fraternity periodical, and B. F. Millard, of Western Reserve, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this association establish a periodical, to be published monthly at ———, and to be sustained by contributions of literary matter from all of its members.

The minutes read, "After a warm and animated discussion the resolution was withdrawn," but the project was not allowed to die, and A. W. Hamilton, of Miami, John C. Zachos, of Cincinnati, and B. F. Millard, of Western Reserve, were appointed a committee to report upon the subject to the next convention. The convention then adjourned to meet in 1845.

Although there is no record of their adoption by this convention, two customs of the fraternity must have been sanctioned by this meeting. One was the adoption

of the fraternity's peculiar signature, which we find in no letters dated previous to this date, and which at once became prevalent, and the other was the manner of naming the chapters.

The first constitution prescribed that chapters should be established at such "places" as might be thought suitable, and the convention amended the constitution to read:

ART. 2. This association shall be composed of chapters established in such places as may be deemed expedient by three-fourths of the existing chapters, which shall be named from their *location*, and possess concurrent powers.

And the chapters were referred to almost exclusively by localities; for instance, not the *Miami* chapter, but the *Oxford* chapter; not the *Ohio University* chapter, but the *Athens* chapter; not the *Western Reserve* chapter, but the *Hudson* chapter; not the *Transylvania* chapter, but the *Lexington* chapter. Nevertheless, immediately after this convention, we find the beginning of the system of naming the chapters by Greek letters in the order of their establishment, and the roll as thus designated was as follows: A, Miami; B, Cincinnati; Γ, Western Reserve; Δ, Ohio University; E, Transylvania; Z, Jefferson.

During the remainder of the year 1842, little was done in the way of extension. In the Miami record book, we find this entry under date of July 16, 1842: "At the suggestion of the Cincinnati chapter, power was granted to the Jefferson chapter to establish a chapter at Dick-

inson College, Pa." The chapter at Lexington was, however, becoming weak, owing to the fact that it was in a professional school having a course of study of short duration. In 1843, George Hoadly, Western Reserve, '44, visited Lexington, and made a report upon the condition of the chapter, as follows:

I also visited Lexington, Ky., and there I met with the Transylvania chapter, embodied in the person of Mr. S. R. Bullock, Mr. R. A. H. Robertson, the only other resident member, had gone to Baltimore. Mr. Bullock informed me that such was the condition of the Lexington Law School, that it was judged inexpedient to admit members and hold meetings, and it has consequently been lifeless for some time. He, however, promised, if possible, to engraft that chapter upon the college department of the university, which is now in excellent condition, instead of continuing in the fluctuating law school.

He never did, however, and the Transylvania chapter was not very long-lived.

In the spring of 1843, A. W. Hamilton, who had been one of the most active members of the parent chapter, entered the Harvard Law School, and sought authority to establish a chapter at Harvard. The Miami chapter granted his request, and coupled it with authority to form college chapters almost anywhere, the minutes of the meeting being as follows:

*Monday Evening, May 15, 1843.*

The secretary informed the chapter that he had transmitted a copy of the constitution to Mr. A. W. Hamilton, of Cambridge, Mass., with discretionary power to form branches of the association at such places as he shall deem proper, provided that they be in connection with some permanent literary institution.

On motion, this act of the recorder was sanctioned and approved by the society.

It would seem, however, that the other chapters were asked to sanction this action, from the record of the meeting of June 8, 1843:

Letters were read from Mr. Hamilton, reporting the prospects at Cambridge, and from the Jefferson chapter, announcing that power was granted the Miami chapter to found a branch at Cambridge.

The chapter was finally established at Harvard, September 5, 1843, and called "H."

This same autumn, Wm. M. Scott, Jefferson, '41, entered the Princeton Theological Seminary, and secured authority to establish a chapter at Princeton, which was organized November, 2, 1843, and the organization of which was announced to the Miami chapter in the following letter:

PRINCETON, N. J., *Jan. 25, 1844.*

I doubt not you are wondering what has become of the Princeton chapter of the Beta Theta Pi \* \* \*. The authority reached me near the close of last session, and I selected three to initiate at first, and designed to bring them in before the close of the session, but \* \* \* it was postponed \* \* \*. The chapter was formed on the first Thursday in November, by the admission of those three (Nov. 2, 1843) \* \* \*. Our greatest difficulty arises from the jealousy of the members of the two literary societies, which requires the utmost caution in approaching the members of either. Although we are not yet able to present you with a long list of names, we can assure you of honest and warm hearts. We flatter ourselves that we shall eventually be able to secure all we desire in regard to members; but we need

not tell you this is our object. We hope to have it to say that no one hails from the Princeton chapter who shall not be "worthy to wear the badge and bear the name."

WM. M. SCOTT.

This chapter was called "Θ." It was the first fraternity chapter at Princeton, and was killed in a short time by the anti-fraternity sentiment in the college. While it lasted it was composed of men of unusual attainments, including Prof. Charles W. Shields, the eminent theologian, and Nathaniel C. Burt, whose descriptive book on Palestine called "The Land and Its Story" was necessary to every library a generation ago.

The year 1844 was uneventful, except that the Harvard chapter did not meet the expectations of its founder, though the charter members were reinforced by the presence of George Hoadly, of Western Reserve. In November, 1844, things had reached a critical point, and the chapter took the following action, as stated in a letter of Hoadly to the Miami chapter:

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., *December 4, 1844.*

At a meeting of the Harvard chapter, held November 29, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

*Resolved*, That the name of Eta, or *Harvard* chapter, be changed to *Yale*.

*Resolved*, That Mr. William H. Upson, of the Yale Law School, a Beta of the Hudson chapter; Mr. William B. Woods, of the same chapter, and Mr. John Coon, of the Athens chapter, members of Yale college, be admitted to the chapter, and be constituted a quorum, with power to admit members, and to do other business.

*Resolved*, That the recorder be instructed to write to the other chapters, requesting their assent to the proposed change.

Our object, as you will readily perceive, is to change the location of this chapter to Yale College. This we perceive may be done constitutionally without consulting the other chapters, but we feel that on this point a reasonable doubt may be entertained, and we think it at least a debt of courtesy to consult our brethren before making so important a change. If this be not done, with the close of this year the Eta chapter must die. We can go no further. The chapter was established under flattering auspices, but not three months elapsed after its inauguration before the sky was black and lowering. There are in the Harvard Law School 165 students, yet strange to say, out of this number there is not one whom we could admit without violating expressed provisions of our consciences and our constitution. Our consciences provide that Betas should be choice spirits and hale fellows well met, and, by this, one-half of the school is excluded. Our constitution provides that Betas should "belong to no similar association," and this excludes the other half. Every young man of talent is a member of some similar society in his *alma mater*, and from them we are excluded by our constitution from making selections. What, then, shall we do? There are at Yale College three Betas, one in the law school, one in the sophomore, and one in the senior class. There are two societies there that would prove rivals to the B Θ Π; namely, the A Δ Φ and the Ψ T. By making now a judicious selection from the sophomore class, the B Θ Π can be placed on the same platform with them. The proposal has been made, and a goodly number of the most talented and influential of the sophomore class are ready to join the Beta brotherhood.

The chapters did not act quickly enough, however, though the Miami chapter gave the desired permission, as appears from the following record:



*December 18, 1844.*

Called meeting. Chapter met in Mr. Herron's room. A letter received from the H chapter at Cambridge, proposing to change the chapter to Yale, was read. On motion, permission was granted to do so.

The Harvard chapter ceased to exist with the advent of 1845 and the Yale chapter was not established until 47 years later.

## CHAPTER II.

### HISTORY—1844 TO 1864.

*From the Establishment of the Asbury Chapter to the Convention of 1864.*

Although during the year 1844, nothing in the way of extension was accomplished, yet the fraternity did brilliant work the succeeding year.

Iota chapter, at Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind., was established April 23, 1845, by Robert N. Hudson and Oliver P. Morton, of Miami. It was the pioneer fraternity chapter of Indiana, and the men then initiated, commencing with Senator Booth, who announced the establishment of the chapter in the following letter, form the first of the long line of Betas unequalled by any fraternity chapter in the United States for the brilliant positions they have taken in the public life of their state and country.

IOTA CHAPTER, B Θ Π, }  
GREENCASTLE, IND., *June 13, 1845.* }

We have delayed \* \* \*, that we might report a permanent organization \* \* \*. We date our regular formation April 23, 1845. Our delegates will be present at your approaching "Triennial Convention" \* \* \*. Trusting that age may only serve to strengthen the bonds of——and——, we are yours,

NEWTON BOOTH.

It was now time for the second triennial convention, but the chapters were so taken up with a discussion of where it should be held that the appointed time passed without action.

Kappa was founded at the Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., August 27, 1845, by Thomas B. Graham, '46, who was a friend of Oliver P. Morton, of Miami. Lambda was founded at the University of Michigan, November 13, 1845, by B. F. Millard, of the Hudson chapter. This was the first fraternity chapter in Michigan. The X  $\Psi$  society was established there in December of the same year, and has frequently disputed the Beta claim to priority. The following letter to the Miami chapter, at a time when there was no motive in distorting the facts, seems conclusive upon this point:

LAMBDA CHAPTER OF B  $\Theta$   $\Pi$ ,  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, *Jan. 28, 1846.* }

The chapter was formed on the 13th of November, 1845, through the agency of B F. Millard, formerly of Hudson. The organization is thoroughly completed \* \* \*; our chapter is in a prosperous condition \* \* \*. We have some opposition in the shape of the following societies, the A  $\Delta$   $\Phi$ , the X  $\Psi$  and the A A, all of which have been recently established here; but we were first in the field, and made our selections, so that they will not have an equal chance for years to come \* \* \*.

Yours in —*kai*—,

N. WEST, *Recorder,*

The loss of the Harvard chapter was very severely felt when it became known, and some of the chapters felt that perhaps it was not advisable to establish so many chapters without more deliberate consideration of the

matter. The following record of the Miami chapter shows how near there came to being a chapter at Marietta:

*June 6, 1846.*

Chapter met at Messrs. Hay and Osborn's room. Messrs. Fairies and Wallace having given their assent, were duly initiated as members of the Beta Theta Pi. Mr. Wilson was elected a member for the purpose of establishing a chapter at Marietta, O. A letter was read from him accepting membership. The recorder was instructed to forward to him the constitution of the society. Chapter adjourned.

G. R. McMILLAN, *Pres.*,

HIRAM STRONG, *Rec., Beta Theta Pi.*

The "Mr. Wilson" referred to was Joseph G. Wilson, afterwards of Oregon, who died at the end of his first term in Congress in 1873, in the middle of what was already a brilliant career. Though his connection with B Θ II was in reality slight, he took the warmest interest in its welfare, and kept up a correspondence with many of its members during his lifetime.

The Miami chapter also had a chapter in view at Wabash College, and wrote to the other chapters concerning both this and Marietta, receiving the following reply from Western Reserve:

Γ CHAPTER OF B Θ II, }  
WESTERN RESERVE COLLEGE, *June 6, 1846.* }

Your request was taken into consideration, and permission was given to establish a chapter at Crawfordsville, Ind., also one at Danville, Ky., provided the opening should be good. Action upon the request for permission to establish chapters at Marietta, O., and Columbia, S. C., was deferred until we learn

something more of the prospect and chances of success. The chapter here feels a great anxiety in regard to the manner of establishing new chapters \* \* \*. We trust you will write us the prospects in those places, when we can act more understandingly.

The Miami chapter went ahead, however, and elected John Coburn, Wabash '46, a friend of Oliver P. Morton's, a member for the purpose of establishing a chapter, as we find in the following record:

*June 13, 1846.*

Called meeting. Chapter met at Hay and Osborn's room; all the members were present. Mr. Coburn was elected a member of the Beta Theta Pi for the purpose of establishing a chapter at Crawfordsville. Mr. Hay was instructed to forward to him a copy of our constitution.

The chapter at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, was formed July 22, 1846, and was called "M"; but the project at Marietta did not reach such a favorable conclusion, as the following record shows:

*August 11, 1846.*

Regular meeting. Chapter met in Mr. Hay's room. President in the chair. Minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as those of the called meetings, were read and adopted. A letter from Mr. Coburn, of Crawfordsville, was read \* \* \*. A letter from Mr. J. G. Wilson, of Marietta College, was read, stating the impossibility of founding a chapter at that place, in consequence of the laws of that institution forbidding the establishment of all such societies, and the further non-assent of the faculty.

May 16, 1847, a chapter was established at Williams College, through the efforts of Timothy D. Pelton, of

Western Reserve. It at once took a foremost position at Williams.

The necessity for a convention had now become apparent, and as the regular triennial had not been held in 1845, a special convention was called by the Miami chapter, which met at Cincinnati May 14, 1847.

The Miami, Cincinnati, Wabash, Western Reserve, Jefferson, Michigan and Asbury chapters were represented by delegates. Transylvania, Indiana and Williams were not represented. Though the Cincinnati chapter was inactive, its members took an active part in the deliberations of the convention. Princeton was unrepresented, and was not, in fact, in active existence at the time, though the convention was not aware of the fact.

George Hoadly was president, James F. Little vice president and V. D. Collins secretary. The most memorable action of this convention was the establishment of the presiding chapter system. The enactment provided that there should be a

Presiding chapter chosen at each convention, with no legislative power, which should be the depository of information regarding the chapters, to which all propositions regarding the actions of the association should be submitted, and by which the decision of the chapters should be obtained and transmitted, and which should be the center of all business correspondence.

A resolution was also passed "that the Cincinnati, Athens and Harvard chapters be, and they are hereby declared, extinct, and that the names of the members of said chapters be transferred to the list of the Miami chapter."

The Miami chapter was made the presiding chapter until the next regular triennial convention which was appointed to meet at Hudson, O., the first Thursday of September, 1848.

A committee was appointed to forward an address to the several chapters. This was intended to be a sort of encyclical letter, detailing briefly the work of the convention, and speaking words of admonition or encouragement. It was a pleasant custom, and continued in effect for many years.

The roll of chapters was rearranged as follows: A, Miami; B, Western Reserve; Γ, Transylvania; Δ, Jefferson; E, Princeton; Z, Asbury; H, Indiana; Θ, Michigan; I, Wabash; K, Williams.

In the fall of 1847 there was trouble at Wabash College. The Beta chapter naturally initiated the foremost men of the college. This caused jealousy on the part of the outsiders and resulted in the establishment of a rival secret society, whose sole aim was to oppose the Betas. Party feeling ran high, and some unusually flagrant violation of college laws caused the faculty to act toward the delinquents somewhat harshly. The students claimed that this was showing a marked partiality to the Betas on the part of the faculty. The Betas offered to leave the college in a body. This would have seriously crippled the college, and the faculty begged them not to do so. It was finally resolved to disband, upon condition that every other secret society should do so. At the same time, those of the members

who were not in favor of such a move met secretly and continued the organization. The chapter finally ceased to exist in a few months, as new members could not be initiated. The convention of 1848 decided, in the light of this case, that no chapter could cease to exist by its own act.

During the session of 1847-48, Miami University was not prosperous. An unpopular president and exacting faculty drove away many students, leaving S. S. Laws the only Beta in the field. Three of the Betas, E. H. Munger, R. V. Moore and James Warnock, went to Centre College, Danville, Ky., and founded Lambda chapter there May 27, 1848.

The regular convention of 1848, which was the third triennial, met August 8, at Hudson, O. The Western Reserve, Michigan, Williams and Centre chapters alone were represented. The  $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$  chapter at Western Reserve was invited to attend the public exercises, and did so.

This convention enacted that a chapter could only be established by a unanimous vote of all the existing chapters. It also gave power to the presiding chapter to call a special convention at any time, if three-fourths of the active chapters should suggest it.

The convention, while substituting the word "colleges" for "places" as the location for chapters took the inconsistent action of passing the following resolution:

*Resolved*, By the Beta Theta Pi in convention assembled,  
That the Ann Arbor chapter of this association is not depending



upon the University of Michigan for support, and therefore is not under the jurisdiction of the laws of that college.

This was in order to allow the Michigan chapter to escape the effect of the anti-fraternity laws which had been recently enacted at Ann Arbor.

This convention also prescribed a series of regulations concerning the course to be undertaken by petitioners for chapters, enacted that no preparatory students should be admitted to the fraternity, and appointed a committee to draft a ritual.

Western Reserve was made the presiding chapter and was ordered to prepare a catalogue of the members of the association. The roll of chapters was rearranged, as follows: A, Miami; B, Western Reserve; Γ, Jefferson; Δ, Asbury; E, Indiana; Z, Michigan; H, Wabash; Θ, Williams; I, Centre.

May 8, 1849, through the efforts of A. P. Carpenter, of the Williams chapter, Kappa was established at Brown University with a large membership—too large, as events subsequently proved, for the development of close friendship and loyalty. April 24, 1850, the Lambda, the first fraternity chapter in Virginia, was established at Hampden-Sidney College through the efforts of Charles Martin and William H. West, of the Jefferson chapter.

In the meantime the chapter at Wabash, being unable to initiate, had become extinct, and the Michigan chapter had been driven out of the university through hostile legislation, the ruse of claiming a non-collegiate mem-

bership not being able to save them. The Miami chapter, going down with the college, finally succumbed, and the Indiana chapter declined and died for causes unknown. In the fall of 1850, therefore, there were chapters at Western Reserve, Jefferson, Asbury, Williams, Centre, Brown and Hampden-Sidney only.

At this time the Brown chapter entered into a conspiracy to desert the fraternity. In this move they were led by Melancthon Storrs and Delano A. Goddard, who learning that A  $\Delta$   $\Phi$  had had a chapter at Brown from 1836 to 1841, determined to try and secure a charter to revive it. The Brown chapter induced the Williams chapter to act with them, and also to petition the A  $\Delta$   $\Phi$  for a charter. At that time A  $\Delta$   $\Phi$  was much stronger in numbers and chapters than B  $\Theta$   $\Pi$ ; it had chapters at Hamilton, Yale, Amherst, Harvard, Hobart, Western Reserve, Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Michigan and Rochester to oppose to the Betas' seven widely scattered colleges, and no doubt the members of the Brown and Williams chapters thought they were bettering their condition by getting into an older and more compact society; but nevertheless, the taint of disloyalty pervades the transaction, and leaves it inexcusable in high-minded men. The Brown chapter had no alumni, but the Williams chapter had, and they protested in vain against the desertion. The loyal alumni did not accept the invitation to join the A  $\Delta$   $\Phi$ , and the fraternity has long held their memories in peculiar esteem.

It was at this gloomy juncture that the fourth trien-

nial assembled at Pittsburg, August 7, 1851, under the auspices of the Jefferson chapter. Only the Jefferson and Western Reserve chapters were represented. The committee on ritual reported that it was inexpedient to adopt any general form of initiation, as the varied circumstances of the different chapters might require modifications in such a form.

The committee on periodical reported that, while the interests of the association would no doubt be furthered by the publication "of a periodical in the style of the best *three dollar* monthlies, under the patronage of the association, and edited by one of the members, who should receive sufficient compensation to enable him to devote all his attention to that duty," that, in view of the small number of chapters represented at the convention, the presiding chapter had better correspond with the chapters about the matter, and report to the next convention.

The Williams, Brown, Wabash and Indiana chapters were declared defunct, and the names of their members were ordered to be transferred to the roll of the Western Reserve chapter. A resolution was adopted "that, in view of the recent breach upon our association, we should suggest the propriety of a judicious extension of Beta Theta Pi, mainly at the west." The chapters were urged to appoint their best men as recorders, on account of their representative character, and to preserve all letters received and copies of all sent, for future reference.

Gamma, at Jefferson, was made the presiding chapter,

and the roll was not rearranged, the names of the chapters remaining as follows: A, Miami; B, Western Reserve; Γ, Jefferson; Δ, Asbury; Z, Michigan; I, Centre; Λ, Hampden-Sidney.

The Miami and Michigan chapters were not active. but it was hoped that they would soon be revived, and so they were not formally declared defunct.

This convention also adopted the "grip," which was in general use for years, and placed upon the Jefferson chapter the burden of preparing the fraternity's catalogue.

The following was added to the form of obligation taken at initiation.

I solemnly promise that if at any time my connection with the Beta Theta Pi be dissolved, that I will never reveal anything of the nature, objects or business of the association.

In April, 1852, the Miami chapter was revived, and at once took up the work of the fraternity with renewed zeal. On the 28th of this month the Eta was established at the University of North Carolina by William F. Green, of Jefferson. The Jefferson chapter announced it to the Miami chapter as follows:

*June 3, 1852.*

The resuscitation of the Miami chapter, the old "Alpha" \* \* \* is an event which to us was as gratifying as it was unexpected \* \* \*. I have also the pleasure of informing you of the birth of a new chapter at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It was founded by William F. Green, one of our old members. They now number five—Junius I. Scales, John N. Morehead, N. E. Scales, George N. Thompson and K. M. Murchison (Recorder).

This chapter were eager to work for the fraternity, and were anxious to see it extended. In October they wrote :

You speak of instituting a chapter at Hanover College, in Indiana, which I need hardly say meets with our entire approbation. We are anxious to hear of a chapter being in every college of high standing in the United States. In future, when you desire to institute a chapter at any college, you may consider our votes as for it, leaving it to your discretion. We think we probably can extend chapters further south in a short while—in South Carolina, Alabama and Georgia.

During this year the presiding chapter also made efforts to establish chapters at Centenary College, La., Oakland College, Miss., and Beloit, Wis., and discussed the advisability of entering Marietta, Franklin & Marshall and Lafayette, but without tangible result.

In March, 1853, the Miami chapter took active steps toward establishing a chapter at Ohio Wesleyan, and initiated James H. Hills with that end in view, the following being the minutes of the meetings recording the transactions :

*March 2, 1853.*

Mr. James H. Hills, of Ohio Wesleyan University, having been proposed as a suitable candidate for membership of the order, on motion chapter balloted upon his election.

*March 3, 1853.*

Chapter met in Fullerton, Galbraith and McDill's room. President in the chair. All the members present except McClung. Chapter then proceeded to the initiation of Mr. Jas. H. Hills, who was elected at a previous meeting. Among the instructions given by the president was an injunction to attempt the planting

of a chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University, with which he is connected, as soon as practicable. Chapter adjourned.

T. A. FULLERTON, *Pres.*

C. D. CALDWELL, *Rec.*

The chapter was established April 17, 1853, and was called the "Θ." The 19th of the next month a chapter was established at Hanover College, Indiana, and a little later in the year the Ohio University chapter was revived, while the Michigan chapter was revived in the spring of 1854.

The regular triennial convention met at Cincinnati, August 16, 1854. The Miami, Western Reserve, Jefferson, Asbury, Centre, Hanover and Ohio University chapters were represented. The Western Reserve chapter being in a poor condition, owing to a decline in the affairs of the college, was represented by George Hoadley, an alumnus of some years' standing.

The Jefferson chapter reported that they had collected \$250 toward defraying the expenses of publishing the catalogue. The committee on periodical made the usual report, stating that while it would be of benefit to have a periodical devoted to the interests of the fraternity, nothing could be done at that time in regard to it. The committee on chapters and charters reported that the Michigan chapter had been revived, and recommended, in view of the confusion attending the re-naming of the chapters, "that hereafter when a chapter is declared by a convention to be defunct, it thereby loses its name and seal, but can be revived at any time by the action of any one chapter of the association;" and the roll was rearranged

as follows: A, Miami; B, Western Reserve; Γ, Jefferson; Δ, Asbury; E, Centre; Z, Hampden-Sidney; H, North Carolina; Θ, Ohio Wesleyan; I, Hanover; K, Ohio; Λ, Michigan.<sup>1</sup>

The task of publishing the catalogue was imposed upon the Miami chapter; Asbury was made the presiding chapter, and the conventions were made biennial. Wm. M. Scott, of Princeton, George Hoadly, of Western Reserve, and Schuyler Colfax, of Asbury, were appointed a committee to draft a ritual. It is not known that they ever reported on the subject.

The Asbury chapter began its administration with vigor. Mu chapter was established at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., in October, 1854, through the efforts of members of the Centre chapter. Nu chapter was founded at Washington College, Pa., in January, 1855, by Wm. M. Stewart and John H. Sherrard. Several students at Washington College had from time to time become members of Gamma chapter at Jefferson College. Finally, a regular petition was sent in and granted, and the chapter started with four charter members. In April, 1855, Xi chapter was established at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., by Samuel Caldwell of Peoria, Ill., who was urged to take such a step by friends in the Jefferson chapter. Omicron chapter was placed at the University of Virginia in May, 1855, by Richard McIlwaine and L. L. Holladay, of the Hampden-Sidney

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<sup>1</sup> These names are still retained by the chapters in question except those at North Carolina and Ohio.

chapter, and Pi was the name given to the chapter at Indiana University, revived in June, 1855, by M. C. Hester, R. R. Hitt, Wm. M. Springer and others, of Asbury. Rho chapter was founded at Washington College, Lexington, Va., (now Washington-Lee University), by Thomas L. Preston, of the Virginia chapter, February 12, 1856. The Hudson chapter was undergoing serious reverses, owing to a crisis in the affairs of Western Reserve, and Iota, at Hanover College, was hindered by anti-fraternity laws, and ran *sub rosa* from this time until 1862.

The first biennial convention met at Louisville, Ky., August 13-15, 1856. Delegates were present from Miami, Jefferson, Asbury, Centre, North Carolina, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Ohio, Cumberland, Washington (Pa.), and Indiana.

The convention was an extremely enthusiastic one. The new and handsome catalogue, the first issued by the fraternity, was presented to the delegates, and Miami chapter was requested to collect the small amount due for its publication. Few changes were made in the constitution. Some of the secret work was modified, a new pass word was introduced, and regulations were passed looking to a more frequent interchange of letters and a better consolidation of the government.

The "Beta Waltz," by Mrs. Kate Hunter, was officially recognized and adopted with thanks. The committee on periodical reported the inadvisability of establishing one, but proposed that the fraternity purchase an interest in



some existing journal. A secondary badge in the form of a watch-key was recommended. Zeta, at Hampden-Sidney College, was made presiding chapter.

In September, 1856, Sigma chapter was founded at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill., by Wm. M. Springer, of Asbury, and the next month the chapter at Wabash College was revived through the efforts of M. B. Shipp, who was initiated at Miami for that purpose. It was given the name of Tau.

Zeta did not make a very efficient presiding chapter. It was too far away from the center of the fraternity to conduct a successful administration, but through its efforts two new chapters were established: Upsilon at South Carolina College, Columbia, S. C., January 3, 1858, and Phi at Davidson College, N. C., January 8, 1858.

The convention of 1858, the second biennial, had been appointed to be held at Berkeley Springs, Va. By some unfortunate error the notices sent out misstated the time, and some of the delegates arrived too long before, and others too long after the intended time, to take part in the deliberations. The sessions lasted from August 13 to 16, 1858. Delegates were present from Washington (Pa.), Jefferson, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Centre and Cumberland. The practice of amending the constitution at each general convention was condemned, and it was decreed that the enactments of the conventions should have the name and effect of *laws*, and should not be embodied in the constitution. The presiding chapter was declared to

be the only proper body authorized to establish chapters, and greater care was urged in extending the fraternity. In view of the fact that nearly all of the letters of the Greek alphabet had been employed in naming the existing chapters, the method of naming chapters was indefinitely extended by directing the use of the alphabet again with the letters doubled, and the use of the word "prime" to designate a defunct chapter was legalized. The alumni were declared to be amenable only to the general convention, and not to their individual chapters. The convention work, it was provided, should thereafter be conducted through committees appointed by the president.<sup>1</sup> North Carolina was made the presiding chapter.

The chapters were urged to maintain a more frequent correspondence and to interchange reports semi-annually. A new catalogue was ordered to be prepared by the Ohio chapter, who were directed to print 2,000 copies. and assess the chapters for the amount necessary to cover the outlay. The rule regarding expulsions was construed as follows:

The delegate from Lambda, Bro. Johnson, asked the advice of the convention in regard to the case of two members of his chapter who had, since their initiation into B © II, become attached to a society of similar nature at another college. "Several palliating circumstances and arguments were presented, but the unanimous vote of the

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<sup>1</sup>This was a very important change. Previous to that time practically all the business of each convention had been conducted in a mass meeting, although an occasional committee had been appointed.

convention was that the offending brethren be expelled.”<sup>2</sup>

The Jefferson chapter was ordered to compile the laws passed by previous conventions and send copies to the chapters.

In September, 1858, when Zeta was preparing to turn her papers over to Eta as presiding chapter, the latter declined to accept the position, alleging that from the sudden overcrowding of the University of North Carolina with fraternities, good men were hard to get, and that their lease of life was more than doubtful. At this juncture, many of the chapters urged that Theta should become the presiding chapter, being the next in regular turn, but nothing was done about it, and Zeta continued to act until 1860. The fraternity quietly continued to build up its influence, and a much better spirit and more business-like methods marked its progress. More conservative ideas were manifested in regard to the granting of new chapters. Petitions were presented to the chapters from North Western Christian University (now Butler University), the University of Nashville, and Oakland (Miss.), Beloit, Westminster (Mo.), and William and Mary Colleges, but none of them were granted. The only chapter established was Chi, which was placed at

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<sup>2</sup> Notwithstanding this action of the convention and the constitutional provision on the subject, many Betas going to college where there was no Beta chapter joined other fraternities with a full understanding with the latter that they should retain their membership in Beta Theta Pi. In some cases this action was tolerated by the Betas, in others it was not. From the circumstances surrounding a number of such instances we draw the inference that when no disloyalty was intended the double membership was permitted, where disloyalty was known or suspected the member was expelled.

Oglethorpe University, Milledgeville, Ga., in June, 1859, by J. P. Graham, of Davidson, the petitioners comprising a local society called the "Epsilon." Late in 1859, the new catalogue was issued.

The third biennial convention met at Columbus, O., August 15, 1860. Delegates were present from Miami, Jefferson, Asbury, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Western Reserve, Michigan, Washington, (Pa.), Indiana, Washington (Va.), Wabash and Davidson. All the chapters were reported to be in good condition except Eta, at the University of North Carolina, which had not been making initiations, and was in a moribund condition.

The convention recommended that no senior should ever be made a corresponding secretary, probably to prevent the removal of a chapter's papers by the departure of the incumbent. It also enacted that in case a designated chapter refused to act as presiding chapter, the next chapter in the order of its establishment should act as such. A secondary badge was authorized by this convention, to be in the form of a watch key, displaying on one side the usual emblems of the badge and on the other side a harp and scroll, the owner's name, and the date and foundation of his chapter.

The everlasting committee on "periodical" reported that as they could devise no feasible plan for the immediate establishment of such a journal, they referred the matter back to the chapters for future consideration and action. Theta was made presiding chapter.

Psi chapter was established at Bethany College, W.

Va., December 9, 1860, through the efforts of A. T. Pope, of the Indiana chapter. The petitioners were initiated at Washington, Pa. Several of them had been the founders and members of a local society called  $\Delta T \Delta$ , which afterwards developed into the general fraternity of that name. A petition for a chapter at the Kentucky Military Institute was rejected early in 1861.

The outbreak of the civil war now rendered the situation of the chapters very precarious. Nearly all of the members of the chapters at South Carolina College, Davidson, Oglethorpe, Washington (Va.), and University of Virginia enlisted in the Confederate service. A large number of the members of the Hampden-Sidney, Cumberland and Centre chapters did likewise. The same was true, though in a somewhat lesser degree, with the northern chapters and the Federal army. These chapters were seriously crippled by recruiting from their ranks. All communication between the North and South ceased, and Beta Theta Pi was deprived at once of eight chapters, while Bethany was in a very much weakened condition, and the rest hardly held their own.

In May, 1862, a chapter was established at Beloit College, Wis., and by some oversight was given the name of "X," which belonged to the Oglethorpe chapter, instead of " $\Omega$ ," in regular order.

The convention of 1862 had been appointed to meet at the Mammoth Cave, Cave City, Ky., but Theta refused to call it on account of the war. Iota chapter at Hanover College should have become the presiding chap-

ter in 1862, but this chapter was weak and *sub rosa*, and Theta retained the position until 1864.

Omega chapter was established at the United States Naval Academy, then situated at Newport, R. I., May 2, 1863, by Robert S. Ryors, H. W. McKee and John G. Talbot, of the Centre chapter. It remained in existence a very short time. Secret societies were forbidden by a rule of the academy, and few initiations were made. The members were, one by one, ordered on active service, and the chapter soon died.

The convention of 1864 met at Indianapolis July 19, Delegates were present from Miami, Western Reserve, Asbury, Hanover, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Wabash.

For some years prior to this convention there had been talk of forming a union of some kind between Beta Theta Pi and Psi Upsilon. No formal communications had passed between the fraternities, and probably no official action of any kind had been taken concerning it; but a correspondence had been carried on between members and chapters of the two fraternities, and it had been perceived on both sides that if some sort of a confederation could be agreed upon, the western fraternity would secure strong eastern connections, and the eastern one strong western connections. The war had greatly crippled Beta Theta Pi, while Psi Upsilon, having no southern chapters and none, in fact, south of New York city, was scarcely, if at all, affected by it, and it was felt by many Betas just at this time that perhaps it would be to the advantage of the fraternity if some such arrange-

ment could be made. The Michigan and Western Reserve chapters both of which were in active competition with fraternities of eastern origin were anxious to secure this alliance, and the legislation of the convention of 1864 must be viewed with this state of fact in mind.

The convention enacted that there should be no catalogue published until 1866, that the Western Reserve chapter should prepare and publish a song book, and that the Miami chapter should compile the catalogue, especially of the members of the inactive chapters. It was also recommended that the presiding chapter should appoint a committee to visit any set of petitioners for a chapter, should one-third of the chapters request it. Pending petitions from Allegheny and Monmouth Colleges were rejected. One resolution was passed that "the B @ II fraternity does not deem it for her best interests to establish chapters in eastern institutions," and another "that a committee of two shall be appointed by the chair to prepare an address to the Ψ Y fraternity, and which shall be presented to the next convention for approval."

Michigan was made the presiding chapter. The conventions were changed from biennial to annual, and the next convention was appointed to be held at Ann Arbor, Mich., January 25, 1865.

## CHAPTER III.

### HISTORY—1865 TO 1871.

#### *From the Close of the War to the Revival of the Centre Chapter.*

During the remainder of the year 1864, the Michigan chapter bent all of its energies toward the furtherance of the alliance with Psi Upsilon. In pursuance of this plan, John B. Root, who had been its delegate at the convention of 1864, visited a number of the Psi U. chapters. He met with little encouragement, but it was intimated that a petition from the Michigan chapter alone would be favorably received. The hint was acted upon. Such a petition was secretly prepared by a portion of the chapter and was granted, and the disloyal and treacherous contingent was initiated into Psi Upsilon, January 26, 1865, the day after that set for the holding of the convention of B @ II.

The traitorous members returned the chapter records to the Miami chapter, and the latter assumed the functions of the presiding chapter temporarily, as appears from the following entry in the record book of the Ohio chapter, under date of January 23, 1865:

Called meeting. Correspondence was read from Alpha, stating that Lamda had resigned her charter and sent her papers to



Alpha, and withdrawn from the Beta fraternity, saying, "in her opinion B Θ Π was on the decline, and she thought she could better preserve her dignity by withdrawing from the fraternity."

In these same records there is also another letter from Alpha, stating that at the request of the "old members" of Lambda she had assumed the authority of presiding chapter, and had called a convention to meet in Detroit.

Many of the men who thus basely deserted the fraternity in its time of trial, when it was crippled by the war, have become prominent in after life; but nothing can ever remove from them the stain of deliberate disloyalty, and the violation of not only solemn pledges of fraternal support and friendship, but also of the confidence reposed in them, which had made their chapter the executive head of the fraternity. Some twelve of the alumni of the chapter influenced by relatives and friends among the undergraduates also accepted honorary membership in the Psi U. chapter thus formed, but the remaining seventy-five of them were mindful of their obligations.

The convention of 1865 met at Detroit, February 1st, 1865. Its legislation was, of course, colored by the desertion of the Michigan chapter. Delegates were present from Miami, Western Reserve, Centre, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Michigan, Indiana, Asbury and Wabash.

Miami chapter was directed to compile and publish the catalogue, and Iota chapter, at Hanover, was made the presiding chapter. It was enacted that if at any time the presiding chapter should refuse or neglect to

act as such, that the oldest existing chapter should assume the function of presiding chapter. The one loyal member of the Michigan chapter was complimented by the following resolution, unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the B Θ Π convention, do appreciate and approve of the course taken by Ed. C. Boudinot, in regard to the late disgraceful action of the members of Lambda chapter, and in consideration thereof we do hereby extend to him our heartfelt thanks for his manly bearing in maintaining the dignity and honor of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

The resolution of the convention of 1864, relative to the inexpediency of placing chapters in eastern colleges, was revoked, as was also the resolution relative to framing an address to the Ψ Υ fraternity. The following resolutions concerning the conduct of the Michigan men were also adopted:

*Resolved*, That the following persons (naming the disloyal members), formerly members of this fraternity, having, in joining the Psi Upsilon society, by their own action expelled themselves from the Beta Theta Pi, we, the delegates in annual convention assembled, accept and ratify the expulsion which they have forced upon us, and declare them no longer members of the Beta Theta Pi.

*Resolved*, That the existing chapters of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity learn with deep regret the serious disorganization in Lambda chapter of the fraternity; that we regard this alienation of affection as partly owing to a neglect in cultivating those feelings of mutual co-operation among the chapters and fidelity to one another which are the essence and spirit of the constitution.

*Resolved*, That we will make an earnest endeavor to maintain a chapter of B Θ Π at Michigan University, and in order to accomplish this we recommend the several chapters to endeavor to

send some true Greeks to receive their degrees at the University of Michigan, and aid in the building up of the chapter.

It was also ruled by this convention that in case of a dispute between two chapters, the presiding chapter should hear and determine the matter.

It will be noted that at this time the only chapters in existence were: A, Miami; B, Western Reserve; Γ, Jefferson; Θ, Ohio Wesleyan; K, Ohio; T, Wabash; Ξ, Knox; Π, Indiana; Σ, Illinois; Ψ, Bethany; X, Beloit; Ω, the Naval Academy.

Iota did excellent work as presiding chapter. Its position was one of difficulty and delicacy in the then critical position of the fraternity. Its first action was an investigation into the status of the Beta chapter at Western Reserve College. This chapter had joined with the Lambda at Michigan to promote the proposed union with Ψ Υ, and after the desertion of the Michigan chapter it was rumored that the only reason the Beta chapter was not then in Psi Upsilon was because the latter had declined the connection. Iota put the question squarely to Beta, and received "an explanation entirely satisfactory," as she put it in her report.

Bethany college had become crippled by the war, and the two Betas representing the Psi chapter had not the courage to go on, writing as follows:

BETHANY COLLEGE, *February 25, 1865.*

Your fears as to our chapter having played out have been realized, since, I am sorry to inform you, our chapter is not organized this year. There are but two of us here this fall—Bro. Hall

and myself, and we have made no effort to reorganize. It is not possible now to explain the reasons why we have not done so. No one could appreciate them unless placed among the same circumstances. We would not, however, be forgotten by our friends, and although it does not come within the scope of your duties, we should be glad to have you write to us occasionally and post us on events. We have had no intelligence for a long time of the movements of the society, and are almost entirely ignorant of its affairs.

J. L. PINKERTON.

In September, 1865, a petition was received for a chapter at Monmouth College, Illinois, and the action of the fraternity being favorable, the chapter was formally established December 22, 1865, by J. E. Moffatt, of Indiana, and George L. Spinning, of Hanover, being given the name of "A A."

A petition from the Northwestern Christian University at Indianapolis (now Butler University), received the favorable votes of the chapters, and in October G. F. Hippard and J. G. Blake were appointed a committee to establish the chapter, but, upon investigation, they decided that it was inexpedient to do so, and returned the charter.

In September, also, the chapter at Washington, Pa., was declared extinct and removed to Canonsburg, Pa., the site of Jefferson College, and was thereafter called Gamma. We anticipate a little in saying that when Washington and Jefferson Colleges were united under the name of Washington & Jefferson the site of the united college was fixed at Washington, Pa., and the chapter was sometimes called Γ, sometimes N, and in

1873 Γ N. Since 1876 the chapter has been called by its old name of Γ.

November 4, 1865, F. C. Wilson, of the Rho chapter at Washington College, Va., officially informed the presiding chapter that the college had been reopened and the chapter reorganized. Later in the month Omicron, at the University of Virginia, and Mu, at Cumberland, imparted similar glad tidings. The Naval Academy chapter became inactive in December 1865 and Beloit and Illinois were practically dead.

In December, Louis H. Jackson, the last initiate of the Illinois chapter, who had moved to the University of Iowa, requested authority to establish a chapter there. His request, when placed before the chapters, received favorable action, but the establishment of the chapter was delayed. In November, a petition for the revival of the chapter at Cincinnati in the law school was placed before the chapters, and received five negative and five affirmative votes, and in January, 1866, was declared rejected.

In March, 1866, a request was received from Z. D. Harrison, of the X chapter, at Ogelthorpe University, for permission to reorganize that chapter. He was informed that as he was the only surviving member of the chapter and had possession of its records, he needed no other authority to act. The chapter, however, was fortunately never reestablished, and the institution itself ceased to exist shortly thereafter.

In May, 1866, a communication was received from D.

J. Jenkins, of Auburn, N. Y., stating that he designed to publish a book on "Secret Societies in Colleges," and asking for information concerning the fraternity. Subsequently he stated that he would be unable to publish the proposed book.

As Miami had but one member during the year, the presiding chapter relieved him of the duty of publishing the catalogue, and took possession of the MSS. The steel plate from which the frontispiece was printed was burned with Pike's opera house at Cincinnati, and the catalogue of 1866 was consequently published with a poor lithograph copy of the design.

Iota made strenuous efforts to revive the chapters at Centre, Hampden-Sidney, Davidson, and North and South Carolina, but met with no immediate success.

The convention of 1866 was held May 1 and 2, at the Spencer House, Cincinnati. Delegates were present from Miami, Western Reserve, Asbury, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Ohio, Cumberland, Jefferson, Wabash, Knox and Indiana, and Centre was allowed representation, though inactive. A committee on ritual was appointed, and Asbury chapter was directed to collect the money to pay for the song book. A proposition to unite with Z  $\Psi$  was decisively negatived. Kappa, at Ohio University, was made the presiding chapter for the next year.

The legislation of this convention was not very important. The lesson of the establishment of two chapters named X was heeded in the enactment that

"New chapters shall be established, and charters and copies of

the constitution furnished, only by the presiding chapter, or by its order, and no chapter shall recognize a new chapter until informed of its establishment by the presiding chapter."

It was also enacted that chapters should thereafter be named by doubling the letters of the Greek alphabet, viz., AA, BB, ΓΓ, ΔΔ, etc., and that the priority of the chapters should be determined by the date of their foundation and not by their alphabetical designation.

The convention concluded with the delivery of a spirited poem by Hon. James B. Black, Asbury, '61, entitled the "Battle of Cedar Creek," and a banquet.

Early in 1866, a new edition of the catalogue was published. We shall describe the book somewhat fully in another place. It showed that the fraternity had, at the time of its compilation, 1,675 members.

The administration of Kappa, which extended to April, 1867, was uneventful. The chapter at the University of Iowa was established in the spring of 1866, under the name of BB. During this year, also, the Hampden-Sidney chapter was revived, through the efforts of E. H. Barnett, an alumnus of the chapter, and R. H. Nall, of the Oglethorpe chapter, who were attending the theological seminary located at the same place. Edwin H. McAulay also revived the Davidson chapter. It lived but a short time, however, due to the enforcement of strict anti-fraternity laws. January 18, 1867, the ΓΓ chapter was established at Wittenberg College, Springfield, O., and a little later this was followed by ΔΔ at Westminster College, Fulton, Mo. The

petition from the Northwestern Christian University, again presented to the fraternity, was rejected.

The convention of 1867 met at Indianapolis April 9 and 10, the president being Gen. John Coburn, the founder of the Wabash chapter. The convention was well attended and enthusiastic, but as the presiding chapter only prepared and sent to the chapters a meager synopsis of its legislative enactments in place of the minutes, we know little about the details of its work. The feature by which it will be best remembered was a proposition by D. H. Moore, Ohio, '60, that the fraternity should build a \$10,000 temple at Oxford, Ohio. It may be said here that the proposition was unfavorably acted upon by the convention of 1868.

Amendments were made to the constitution eliminating all of the esoteric work of the fraternity from its records, providing that the president of each convention should be an alumnus, and permitting the establishment of alumni chapters, giving the latter no power to elect or initiate new members. The establishment of a fraternity magazine was also discussed. Mu, at Cumberland University, was made the presiding chapter, and the convention of 1868 was fixed to meet at the Mammoth Cave, Kentucky.

During the year 1867-68, much work was done in the matter of consolidating the fraternity. Petitions for chapters were received from the Virginia Military Institute, the University of Georgia, Washington University, Iowa Wesleyan University and Yale College. The



last two were favorably acted upon, and EE was established at Iowa Wesleyan in March, 1868. The Yale matter was placed in the hands of George H. Perkins, Knox, '67, afterwards a professor in the University of Vermont and the State Entomologist, who was then a student at Yale. He finally reported that he was unable to establish the proposed chapter. Applications for alumni chapters at Nashville and Clarksville, Tenn., were favorably acted upon, and the former was established under the name of ZZ. During this year, the Jefferson chapter was crippled by the passage of anti-fraternity laws, and the Ohio University chapter was laboring under a similar disadvantage. The Miami and Hanover chapters were each reduced to very small numbers, and the Davidson chapter became extinct.

The place of holding the convention of 1868 was changed by the presiding chapter, the others consenting, to Nashville, Tenn., and it was held there July 14, 15 and 16, the sessions being held in the Senate Chamber of the State capitol. Delegates were present from Asbury, Hampden-Sidney, Ohio Wesleyan, Cumberland, Washington & Lee, Wabash, Jefferson, Miami, Western Reserve, Hanover, Virginia, Nashville Alumni and Centre (inactive).

The convention placed the matter of compiling and publishing a song book in the hands of the Western Reserve chapter. It also directed the publication and distribution of its minutes. The building of the Beta temple was postponed indefinitely, as little had been

subscribed for the purpose and less paid in. A ritual was adopted, and the new presiding chapter was directed to furnish the chapters with copies. Springfield, Ohio, was chosen as the next place of meeting, and Xi chapter at Knox College, was made the presiding chapter. This convention provided a means of raising revenue for the current expenses of the fraternity by levying an annual tax of one dollar upon each member of every chapter, undergraduate and alumni; it also prescribed a form for the credentials of the delegates to the conventions, and appointed a committee to design a grand seal. The session concluded with an eloquent address by Hon. James W. Blackmore, Centre, '63, Cumberland, '67, which was published in full in the minutes of the convention.

The administration of the Knox chapter was as vigorous and successful as the work of an undergraduate chapter could be. As was then the custom, after learning that chapters might possibly be established at several institutions, the question was put before the chapters as to whether permission would be given to establish chapters at such institutions irrespective of the *personel* of the proposed charter members, the character and standing of the institution itself being alone considered. In this manner permission was granted to establish chapters at the Virginia Military Institute, Denison University, Washington University (Mo.), the University of Chicago and the University of Kentucky, and for an alumni chapter at Chicago.

The chapter at Denison was established December

23, 1868. The petitioners had constituted a chapter of  $\mathbf{K} \Phi \Lambda$ , a fraternity which had several chapters in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan, and which had disintegrated. The Denison chapter, which was called  $\mathbf{H} \mathbf{H}$ , was obliged to run *sub rosa* on account of the existence of stringent anti-fraternity laws. The V. M. I. chapter was called  $\Theta \Theta$ . The early members had been initiated by the chapter at Washington & Lee, and had been carefully selected, so that it started well equipped for fraternity work. It has a remarkable scholarship record, and one of its early members was the founder of the fraternity magazine.

The chapter at Washington University was called  $\mathbf{I} \mathbf{I}$ . It flourished for a short time but it never was fully organized, though it gave some fine men to the fraternity, notably Governor Francis, of Missouri. It was revived in 1900 and is now in good condition. The Chicago Alumni chapter was not named  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{A}$ , as it should have been if precedent were followed, but was called "Alpha Alumni" chapter, the presiding chapter stating as the reason that "alumni chapters cannot be expected to have the same energy and to maintain a correspondence equal with college chapters, and we could not expect to impose upon them the duties of a presiding chapter; so that it seems to us very proper that their letters should be given them separate from those of the college chapters, for example, Alpha Alumni, Beta Alumni." This method was adopted by the next convention.

The proposed chapter at the University of Chicago,

called the  $\Lambda \Lambda$ , was attempted to be formed by Charles R. Henderson and Charles Calkins, who were initiated as its charter members. When they sought to increase their membership, however, they learned that chapters of some four other fraternities had been already organized making it difficult to secure the proper kind of men. One of their pledged men left college, and, despite the efforts of the Chicago Alumni to assist, no real progress was made and the chapter although given a place on the roll actually never had any real activity. A chapter at the University of Kentucky was not established, by the advice of two Beta members of the faculty, on account of anti-fraternity laws.

It will be remembered that the loyalty of the Beta chapter at Western Reserve was suspected after the desertion of Lambda in 1865, and that it was called to account by the Iota chapter and made "an entirely satisfactory explanation" of its attitude. The suspicion proved, nevertheless, to be well founded. The chapter had for three years been plotting to desert the fraternity, and though it performed its duties and was outwardly loyal, at the same time, some of its members were petitioning other eastern fraternities. Their petition was finally accepted by Delta Kappa Epsilon. The chapter was expelled by a formal vote of the fraternity, and notices to that effect were published in several western journals. As stated, the loyalty of the chapter had been suspected, and their action was discounted and had little if any effect on the general fraternity. The traitors, less honor-

able even than their predecessors at Ann Arbor, would not return the documents and records of the old Beta chapter, neither would they state precisely who had joined in the movement, boldly claiming that the alumni of the chapter had sanctioned and approved of their course, and had entered into the new relation with them.<sup>1</sup> In the absence of an adequate central authority, this deception proved effective, and the alumni of Beta were generally shunned as traitors, until the work of the committee on the 1881 catalogue proved that they had been misrepresented, and that most of them were loyal.

The convention of 1869 met at Columbus, O., July 7, 8 and 9, 1869, the place of meeting having been changed from Springfield by a vote of the chapters. Gen. Robert W. Smith, Williams, '51, was president, and delegates were present from Miami, Asbury, Hanover, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio, Cumberland, Wittenberg, Indiana, Virginia, Monmouth, Wabash, Westminster, Iowa Wesleyan, Denison, Chicago and the Chicago Alumni.

The convention did little work of importance. It passed a resolution requesting the co-operation of other similar societies to boycott educational institutions where

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<sup>1</sup> Since this act of treachery the fraternity has been free from such experiences. During the years about which we have been writing Beta Theta Pi was admitted to be the best of the western fraternities and it was natural enough for societies like those mentioned to seek to secure chapters ready made rather than to build them up. In a somewhat similar manner Psi Upsilon enticed the Wisconsin Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi aside from its allegiance and D. K. E. did the same to the Minnesota Chapter of Phi Delta Theta while the Williams Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta deserted to Zeta Psi and the Chicago Chapter of Sigma Nu to Chi Psi. These things are caused by the undergraduates placing false value upon certain prominent and not always desirable features of the fraternities concerned. Beta Theta Pi has many times received petitions from recreant chapters of other fraternities but has uniformly rejected them.

anti-fraternity laws were existing. The scheme for publishing a monthly fraternity magazine was urged by the delegate from the Cumberland chapter, was referred to a committee, and postponed

To the consideration of some subsequent meeting of the fraternity in convention, when, by the re-establishment of numerous chapters in the south, and new chapters in other parts of the country, the triumph of so large an enterprise may be better secured.

It was directed that every fifth convention should be called a quinquennial, and that the catalogue should be published immediately after each such convention, beginning with 1870. Asbury, which had been appointed a committee to publish the song book in place of Beta, reported little progress, and the Wabash and Indiana chapters were added to the committee. The method of naming the alumni chapters suggested by the presiding chapter was adopted. This convention also adopted a grand seal, of which the following was the technical description: "Argent, in sinister chief, a book or, bearing crossed swords and key; proper a bend cottised azure bearing three mullets, or, and in dexter base, a wreath surrounding clasped hands, supporting a heart inflamed, all proper."

Omicron, at the University of Virginia, was made the presiding chapter. The convention adjourned to meet at Chicago.

It is interesting to note the condition of the chapters as to numbers reported at this convention. The number

in each chapter was as follows: Miami 6, Washington & Jefferson 5, Asbury 18, Hampden-Sidney 4, Ohio Wesleyan 18, Hanover 8, Ohio 9, Cumberland 12, Knox 7, Virginia 12, Indiana 12, Washington & Lee 6, Monmouth 9, Iowa 5, Wittenberg 13, Westminster 8, Iowa Wesleyan 13, Denison 11, Washington (Mo.) 7, V. M. I. 10, Chicago 3. The average number of members was in reality too small to do effective work, provide adequate financial resources, or to maintain a chapter when subject to the usual accidents of college experience. The chapters scarcely then realized that while two or three might prove an ideal chapter in its harmonious unity, it was devoid of strength.

The administration of the Virginia chapter was uneventful. The re-establishment of the chapters at Davidson, Centre, Michigan, North and South Carolina and Bethany was urged but the condition of the southern colleges did not warrant it. The Universities of Mississippi and Georgia were also considered and abandoned as fields for extension.

A petition from Simpson Centenary College, Indianola, Iowa, was rejected, and one from the University of the Pacific at Santa Clara, California, was granted, but was withheld by the presiding chapter and the chapter was not established. A petition for the establishment of an alumni chapter at Louisville failed to receive the favorable action of a sufficient number of chapters to warrant issuing a charter.

The convention of 1870 met at Chicago August 31,

1870, the session lasting three days. Delegates were present from Miami, Asbury, Hampden-Sidney, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Ohio, Cumberland, Knox, Indiana, Wabash, Monmouth, Iowa, Wittenberg, Iowa Wesleyan, Denison, and Washington (Mo.), and from the Chicago alumni chapter.

At this convention, the question of double membership again arose. It was ascertained that two of the delegates—Showalter, of Ohio, and Seaman, of Denison,—were members of eastern societies which they had joined after leaving the colleges where they were initiated into Beta Theta Pi, Showalter of Psi Upsilon and Seaman of Alpha Delta Phi. It was first ruled by the convention that “on account of their undoubted loyalty to B Θ Π, expressed under all circumstances, they were admitted to the full privileges of the convention.” The matter was then referred to a committee, whose report, which was adopted, read as follows:

We are of the opinion that all members of the Beta Theta Pi, who have joined organizations of a somewhat similar character should be regarded still as Betas, so long as they pledge fidelity and fealty to B Θ Π, and are willing to show such on all occasions.

This resolution recognized a custom which, while contrary to law, had existed since the origin of the fraternity.

The manuscript of the catalogue, which had been compiled almost unaided by Roger Williams, Miami, '70, was presented to the convention and the Alpha Alumni chapter was directed to print it. The Denison chapter



was directed to compile and publish the song book and the presiding chapter required to send certified copies of the ritual and constitution to the several chapters.

A general treasurer was also suggested, who should give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties, and who "should keep all the moneys of the fraternity, paying out the same only upon order of the convention by its president and secretary, or upon the authenticated order of the presiding chapter." This is noteworthy, from the fact that it was the first general officer provided for in any scheme of Beta government, but action was postponed indefinitely.

The name of the Chicago University chapter was changed to Z Z, and that of the Nashville alumni chapter, formerly called Z Z, to Beta Alumni. Authority was given to W. R. Frame, Monmouth, '70, to reorganize the Princeton chapter. The organization of chapters at Northwestern and Wooster was recommended, and the re-establishment of the Michigan chapter. Pi, at the University of Indiana, was made the presiding chapter.

Daniel W. Voorhees, Asbury '49, then a member of Congress and afterwards U. S. Senator from Indiana, was the orator before this convention.

The catalogue was issued in the fall of 1870, was well printed, and quite up to the standard of similar contemporaneous publications.

The administration of the Indiana chapter was marked by general prosperity of the fraternity, the improvement of its internal methods, and plans for the establishment

of new chapters. Petitions were received from Richmond College, Franklin College (Ind.), Northwestern Christian University and Wooster University. In the latter case two rival sets of petitioners claimed the attention of the fraternity, with the result that action on both was postponed.

The Franklin and Northwestern Christian propositions were rejected, each on account of the low standard of the institution. The Richmond petition, though subsequently granted, did not obtain sufficient votes during this college year of 1870-71. The usual abortive attempts to inquire into the condition of and revive the inactive chapters were made. Through the efforts of J. D. S. Riggs, of the Chicago chapter, steps were taken to resuscitate the Beloit chapter.

During this year, the project of an alliance with some one of the eastern fraternities, whose standing and influence were much exaggerated by a few persons interested, was much discussed. The subject had been brought before the convention of 1870, but had been postponed.

Alumni chapters were established during the year at Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

The convention of 1871 met at Indianapolis August 30, 1871, and was in session for three days. Its president was Hon. Oliver P. Morton, ex-Governor of Indiana, Miami '45, and delegates were present from Miami, Asbury, Ohio Wesleyan, Hanover, Ohio, Knox, Virginia, Indiana, Washington & Lee, Wabash, Monmouth, Wittenberg, Iowa Wesleyan, Denison and Washington, and

from the Chicago, Louisville and Indianapolis alumni chapters.

Charles J. Seaman, who had been placed in charge of the publication of the song book, reported that the book would be published during the next college year. The presiding chapter deplored the amount of correspondence its position entailed, and asked for an appropriation to purchase a printing press, which was capped by an amendment from Harry C. Warren, Centre '58, that it be supplied with a telegraph outfit also, and both propositions were laughed down.

The thanks of the convention were extended to Roger Williams, Miami, '70, for his work in compiling the catalogue, and to Olin R. Brouse, Asbury, '66, for superintending its publication. The committee on "Foreign Relations" reported as follows:

"After a thorough investigation of the subject, we have come to the conclusion that an alliance with an eastern organization at the present is both impracticable and unnecessary, and that, although temporarily weakened by the defection of Beta and Lambda, we have by no means lost our hold in our own territory, the south and west; and if individual Betas and the different chapters will only keep in view Virgil's '*Labor omnia vincit*,' our future is secure, and the Beta Theta Pi fraternity will rise to a still higher position of influence and power," and their report was unanimously adopted.

The Miami chapter was instructed to submit to the next convention a design for a skeleton badge, and an amendment was made to the constitution that—

An alumni chapter may, by an unanimous vote, recommend a person for membership in the nearest chapter located at a college, and upon such recommendation, such college chapter may elect and initiate such person as a member of such college chapter in the manner provided elsewhere.

We can recall no instance in which this privilege was exercised.

Dr. John H. Lozier was requested to prepare the Wooglin Legend in its application to chapter life, and a resolution was passed thanking Miss Katie Randolph Sheets for dedicating the "Students' Galop" to the fraternity.

Rho, at Washington & Lee, was made the presiding chapter, and the convention terminated by a banquet given by the resident alumni.

## CHAPTER IV.

### HISTORY, 1871 TO 1879.

*From the Administration of Pi to the Union with A Σ X.*

In the fall of 1871, Epsilon chapter, at Centre College, Ky., was re-established through the efforts of the Beta professors in the faculty. This had been a fine chapter, and maintained a high stand previous to the outbreak of the war. The chapter was divided by that struggle, and its members attained eminence in both contending armies. It ceased to exist in 1862, and remained dormant until its revival as mentioned.

Rho, at Washington & Lee, which had been made the presiding chapter, was distant from the center of the fraternity, but its splendid *personnel* made light of this obstacle. The chapter straightened out the general correspondence of the fraternity, and placed it upon such a basis that the establishment of THE BETA THETA PI may be said to have resulted from it. It introduced business-like methods, and demanded of the chapters stricter attention to their duties. Rho felt that it was incumbent upon her to endeavor to resuscitate the dead chapters in the southern states, and a vigorous attempt was made in that direction. It was unsuccessful, except in the case of

the Bethany chapter, which was revived through the efforts of the chapter at Washington, Pa. A large mass of information in regard to Northwestern University, the University of Georgia and Randolph-Macon College was collected and placed before the chapters, however, *apropos* of movements to place chapters in these institutions.

A chapter called K K was placed at Richmond College, in December, 1871, through the efforts of W. T. Thom, of the presiding chapter; one called A A was established May 18, 1872, at Wooster University by the absorption of a local club. Late in the collegiate year of 1871-72, an alumnus of Z placed M M chapter at Howard College, Marion, Ala. This institution was under Baptist control, had a military organization and strict regulations against secret societies. Our chapter alternately weakened and flourished as these regulations were enforced or relaxed. Its charter was finally withdrawn by the convention of 1880. Alumni chapters were organized at Cincinnati, O., and Richmond, Va., and an application from Franklin College, Ind., was rejected when placed before the chapters for action.

During the college year Alpha, at Miami University, had but one member, and finally became inactive. At Cumberland University the entire membership of the chapter left college. B B, at the University of Iowa, was torn by internal dissensions, and I I, at Washington University, was practically inactive. Θ, at Ohio Wesleyan, secured a new lease of life by the repeal of anti-fraternity laws, mainly through the efforts of Rev. D. H. Moore,

Ohio, '60. The remainder of the active chapters were in good condition, securing good men, and showing great interest in their work. II, at Indiana University, was in especially fine condition; in fact, she stood so far above her rivals that one rival chapter made a proposition to join it in a body.

The convention of 1872 met August 21, at Richmond, Va., under the auspices of the newly established college and alumni chapters situated there. Delegates were present<sup>1</sup> from Asbury, Hampden-Sidney, Hanover, Ohio, Washington & Jefferson, Virginia, Washington & Lee, Wabash, Bethany, Monmouth, Iowa Wesleyan, Denison, Virginia Military Institute, Richmond and Miami. The convention was successful, and equalled in enthusiasm and good work many of the larger meetings held since. A skeleton badge was adopted, designed principally for use by alumni, and new signs of recognition were chosen and the delegates instructed to report them to their chapters. A petition for the re-establishment of the Beloit chapter was granted, and petitions from Northwestern University and the University of Kansas were referred to the chapters for action. It was voted that the next convention be held at Louisville, Ky., and the Wabash chapter was made presiding chapter.

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<sup>1</sup> Since 1872 the minutes of the conventions have been printed. The roll of delegates to each convention will be found in a subsequent chapter of this book and reference may hereafter be made to that list for details of the attendance.

There were several points of fraternity administration considered at this convention which merit attention. The first was a request from the members of two chapters for permission to place upon their rolls the names of men who had been elected, but who had died pending their initiation. This was granted, though the precedent seems unwise, because they were never members of the fraternity. The second was the initiation of a member into the fraternity by direct action of the convention. The circumstances were as follows:

The chapter at the Virginia Military Institute had elected to membership a student, Henry Melville Jackson, since Episcopal Bishop of Alabama, who was prevented from joining by private reasons, though during his college course he had been intimately associated with the members of the chapter. After graduation, he became a student at the Episcopal Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va., and there continued his association with members of the fraternity. At his own instance, and upon the petitions of the two chapters at Lexington, Va., was unanimously elected a "member at large" by the convention, and then and there initiated, his name being ordered to be placed upon the roll of the V. M. I. chapter.

This convention also made an addition to the pledge to be taken by candidates at their initiation. It was in effect a promise to uphold the particular chapter as a chapter, in addition to the fraternity as a whole. A curious point as to transfer of membership arose out of a



quarrel in Epsilon chapter. Four members of that chapter became dissatisfied with the conduct of another member. The discontented brothers did not wish to remain in the chapter, neither did they wish to withdraw from the fraternity. Accordingly, with the full consent and approval of both chapters, they transferred themselves to the Hanover chapter. The convention disapproved of this action entirely, and held that the only means of regularly withdrawing from a chapter was by expulsion, that the transfer was irregular and void, and ordered their names to be restored to the roll of Centre chapter.

Charles D. Walker, V. M. I., '69, was elected General Secretary, and John I. Covington, Miami, '70, General Treasurer. These were the first general officers elected in the fraternity. Their powers were somewhat hazy and undefined, but in general the former was to supervise the correspondence of the fraternity, and the latter to take care of its property and funds. The chapter roll was revised, and all of the chapters having double names were ordered to substitute the letter A for their first letter. The name B B was changed to A B, Γ Γ to A Γ, Δ Δ to A Δ, etc.

The administration of the Wabash chapter opened favorably with the institution of the revived chapter at Beloit College. This revival was mainly due to the efforts of Prof. J. D. S. Riggs, of Chicago University, who, failing in his efforts to put any life into his own chapter, found a vent for his fraternity enthusiasm in this man-

ner. The General Secretary in October issued printed forms for use in facilitating the business of carrying on his work.

In September, 1872, the circular preliminary to the establishment of the BETA THETA PI, the magazine of the fraternity, was issued, and the first number came from the press December 15, 1872.

The first act of the year 1873 was the establishment of Alpha Nu chapter, at the University of Kansas, January 8, through the efforts of Wyllys C. Ransom, Michigan, '47, T. Y. Gardner, Western Reserve, '58, and L. D. L. Tosh, Miami, '69, all three members of chapters inactive at the time. In February, 1873, Denison University, at Granville, Ohio, ceased to contain a Beta chapter, owing to the successful enforcement of anti-fraternity laws, though one member graduated with the class of 1873. A ~~local~~ fraternity at Randolph-Macon College, under the ~~auspices~~ of Prof. T. R. Price, Virginia, '58, applied for a charter, and was instituted as a chapter, under the name of Alpha Xi, April 24, 1873. Thoroughly warming to the work of extension, by these efforts, in June, 1873, Alpha Omicron was placed at Trinity University, Tehuacana, Tex., through the efforts of R. Morgan, Cumberland, '69, and G. E. Seay, Cumberland, '60; Alpha Pi at the University of Wisconsin, by Charles A. Works, William S. Forrest, and Ansley Gray, of the Beloit chapter, and Alpha Rho at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., by the aid of Olin R. Brouse, Asbury, '66.

The publication of the fraternity journal visibly in-

creased the activity and enthusiasm among the chapters, and under its influence, combined with that of a new constitution and organization, the fraternity began to assume a somewhat more consistent form and policy.

The numerical weakness of the chapter at Centre College made it impossible to hold the convention at Louisville in August, under its auspices, as had been anticipated, and the invitation of the Cincinnati alumni to hold it in that city was accepted. The prevalence of an epidemic caused its postponement, and the convention did not actually meet until December 29, 1873. The publication of the BETA THETA PI was continued during the summer, however, and helped to maintain the enthusiasm of the fraternity.

Early in the college year of 1873-74, the question, whether the fraternity was to continue to exist as a purely western organization, arose for consideration. It will be remembered that the convention of 1864 had passed resolutions stating that eastern extension was undesirable, which had been revoked by the convention of 1865. Nevertheless, the determination to remain purely western seemed to be the policy of the fraternity. This, in the light of subsequent events, was unwise, and was largely due to ignorance of the real strength of the fraternity chapters in eastern colleges. As noted above, ~~the~~ chapter at Denison University was dispersed by ~~anti-fraternity~~ laws. Its members, composed of good students in a college noted for the thoroughness of its instruction, scattered and entered various eastern colleges. In most cases

unwilling to join other fraternities, they sought to find a foothold for their own, and the consequence was the almost simultaneous receipt of propositions to establish chapters at Brown, Williams, Lafayette, Dickinson, and other eastern colleges, while members of the Bethany chapter, residing in New York, advocated the immediate establishment of a chapter at Columbia College.

The presiding chapter, imbued with the fictitious idea of the great strength of eastern colleges and fraternities, doubted whether new chapters could successfully cope with older and firmly established rivals, and vacillated until the opportunities had ceased to exist. The Williams and Brown projects were discouraged, and never reached the point of a direct petition, and though we anticipate a little, we may properly mention here that the Columbia petition was rejected. The one from Lafayette was withheld from action until too late, while the one from Dickinson, signed by the entire membership of a local organization, was the only one accepted, and the chapter was formally instituted, after some delay, May 15, 1874. The advance of the fraternity into the east was thus retarded for six years.

The convention, called the thirty-fourth annual, was held at Cincinnati, Ohio, December 29, 30 and 31, 1873. The attendance of delegates and visitors was large, the work undertaken was well done, and the public exercises, consisting of an oration of Hon. Stanley Matthews<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Afterwards U. S. Senator from Ohio and Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

and a poem by Rev. Earl Cranston,<sup>2</sup> attracted considerable public attention. Delegates were present from twenty chapters. The BETA THETA PI was officially adopted as the organ of the fraternity. Charles D. Walker was elected to continue as its editor, and it was recommended that a more convenient size and better paper be adopted for it. The chapter at Monmouth College was made the presiding chapter, passing over Beloit and Bethany, the latter by reason of small size, and the former because anti-fraternity laws compelled it to remain *sub rosa*. A. N. Grant, Asbury, '74, was chosen General Secretary, R. Harvey Young, Washington & Jefferson, '69, General Treasurer, and John I Covington, Miami, '70, editor of the BETA THETA PI, to succeed Charles D. Walker after the expiration of his term of six months.

The chapters were all reported to be in good condition except those at Knox and Denison University, owing to anti-fraternity legislation. It was deemed advisable to re-establish the chapter at the University of Michigan, and the Asbury chapter was entrusted with that duty. The chapter at Washington & Jefferson College, formed by the union of Γ at Jefferson and N at Washington, when the two colleges were united, was named Γ N. The General Secretary, upon his own recommendation, was ordered to divide the fraternity into territorial districts for convenience of administration, and to appoint over each district a chief assistant secre-

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<sup>2</sup> Since Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

tary, who should be under his general direction. This system of dividing the fraternity territorially has been very beneficial, and has been copied by nearly all of the fraternities as a prominent feature of their administration. He was also ordered to prepare a code of administrative law, to go into tentative operation until the meeting of the next convention.

The system of voting upon petitions for chapters was changed, and the rule adopted that when a chapter did not vote within thirty days after the receipt of the petition, it was considered to have cast its ballot in the affirmative. This was a most pernicious practice, and had lasting and evil results. The next convention was ordered to be held at Evansville, Ind., August 25, 1875.

The year 1874 opened with bright prospects. The journal had been officially recognized, the administrative machinery systemized, the new district system was in full operation, and twenty-six strong and active chapters answered to the roll-call. But the prospects were not realized. The Knox chapter ceased to exist, the BETA THETA PI suspended in June, 1874, owing to insufficient financial support, the presiding chapter at Monmouth encountered the opposition of the college authorities, and was obliged to run *sub rosa*, which greatly impaired its usefulness and hampered its work as the administrative head of the fraternity, and as the convention of 1873 had been held so late in the year, none was held at all in 1874, and the progress of the fraternity seemed arrested in every direction. The one redeeming event

was the establishment of the Dickinson chapter in May.

The college year 1874-75 showed little improvement. The absence of the journal was severely felt, as it had, in a measure, supplanted the former system of chapter correspondence, which did not readily spring up again. The only encouraging event was the movement to revive the chapter at the University of Michigan, which was meeting with success. One petition received during this year, from Franklin College, Indiana, was rejected. It was from a disloyal chapter of another fraternity.

The convention of 1875 met at Evansville, Ind., August 25, fifteen chapters being represented. The necessity of the fraternity journal was recognized, and it was ordered to be re-established. O. R. Brouse, Asbury, '66, and D. H. Cheney, Northwestern, '76, were appointed editors. An assessment of \$1.50 for this purpose was levied upon each active member, in addition to the usual annual dues. This was unconstitutional, as the limit of the dues was \$1, but no one grumbled, because the revival of the magazine was an acknowledged necessity. Δ, at Asbury University, was made presiding chapter, D. H. Cheney was elected General Secretary, and R. Harvey Young was continued as General Treasurer. The code of laws reported by the secretary was adopted. The following resolution was adopted:

That in case the chief assistant secretary, General Secretary and presiding chapter disapprove of a proposition to establish a chapter at any college, the proposition be laid on the table until the succeeding convention.

A curious case of chapter jurisdiction arose out of a dispute between Denison and Wooster chapters. The facts are unimportant, but the committee appointed to consider the matter reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this convention that charges against a member of B Θ Π shall only be made to the chapter where he has been initiated or to which he has been transferred, or to an alumni chapter of which he may be a member.

And they recommended the passage of an act "giving each chapter exclusive jurisdiction over each Beta attending the college where it is situated, no matter whether he was a member of that chapter or not," and this was accordingly done, and has been the law ever since. An act was also passed making the conventions biennial, but it has remained a dead letter. The next convention was ordered to be held at Detroit, September 3, 1877.

The administration of the Asbury chapter opened with the re-establishment of the Michigan chapter mainly through the active assistance of A. N. Grant. In January, 1876, a petition was received from J. C. Hobson, Richmond, '76, and C. H. Harrison, V. M. I., '75, for the establishment of a chapter at William & Mary College, Williamsburg, Va. This venerable institution which had suffered a decline then seemed to have taken a new lease of life. The number of students suddenly increased to nearly one hundred, among them representatives of the best families in the south. Hobson and



Harrison secured the co-operation of a number of these students and applied for a charter. It was granted, and the chapter was instituted March 11, 1876, as A T. It may not be out of place here to state that the chapter did not long continue active. The college declined as rapidly as it had arisen, and the chapter became inactive after sending to the University of Virginia some of the best students ever seen at that institution.

During the month of January the fraternity became a subject of newspaper remark. An account of the reason we clip from the BETA THETA PI for February, 1876:

"Monday evening, the 17th of January, the Hon. Schuyler Colfax, who is a whole-souled Beta, lectured in Evanston, Ill., and after the lecture he was invited by the members of Alpha Rho chapter to attend a chapter meeting and partake of the "canine" with them. Schuyler never refuses an invitation of this kind, and he accordingly met with the boys. Immediately upon his arrival at the chapter rooms a mob, consisting of members of the Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Psi fraternities, assembled in the outer halls, howling, singing and conducting themselves more like fiends than like students "having a high sense of honor" (see the Sigma Chi constitution). This was kept up throughout the meeting, and when, at its close, Mr. Colfax, attended by the members of Alpha Rho, started for his lodging place, the front door of the building was found to be tied. The party, however, made their exit by the back door. Arrived at the outside, Bro. Colfax delivered an extemporaneous lecture to the mob, which, for point and pungency, excelled even his brilliant platform efforts. The rioters disclaimed any intent to insult Brother Colfax, but said they meant to 'go for the Beta chapter.'"

The Chicago papers took the matter up, and the of-

fending students were compelled to make a public apology by the college authorities.

In March, 1875, owing to the expressed wish of a majority of the chapters, the presiding chapter changed the place of the convention to Philadelphia, and the time to July 5, 1876. In the spring of this year, the Harvard chapter came very near to re-establishment, seven enthusiastic Betas having found themselves to be students there, but they were ignorant of their constitutional rights to re-establish the chapter, and the matter was not pushed. The Betas at Princeton, too, though belonging to many chapters and maintaining no formal organization, held a very successful dinner. Boston University, a new Methodist institution with a large endowment and ambitious plans had attracted the attention of Betas attending its professional schools, and a petition for a chapter there was forwarded to the presiding chapter in May. During this month the Asbury chapter met with a great loss. Its records and archives, consisting of a long series of interesting letters, containing personal and historical data of value, were stolen, it was suspected by members of a rival chapter. Though every effort was made to catch the thieves, it was not successful.<sup>1</sup>

The convention met at Philadelphia July 5. Delegates were present from seventeen chapters. The reports of the presiding chapter and General Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Some of these records were returned in 1906.

showed that the chapters were in a fairly prosperous condition. Petitions for chapters from Vanderbilt University, University of California and McKendree College, Ill., were received and rejected. The name of the chapter at Washington & Jefferson College was changed to  $\Gamma$ . The provision making the convention biennial was repealed. Lambda, at Michigan University, was made the presiding chapter, George C. Rankin, Monmouth, '74, was elected General Secretary, G. M. Halm, Ohio Wesleyan, '76, General Treasurer, and Rev. E. J. Gantz, Bethany, '75, editor of the BETA THETA PI. A plan for forming an endowment fund for the support of the 'fraternity' was considered, but was not adopted. The catalogues were ordered to be printed, and the matter of a fraternity jeweler was placed in the hands of a committee for action. Detroit was named as the next place for holding a convention.

The petition from Boston University, having received the favorable votes of the chapters, a chapter was established there November 6, 1876, under the name of Alpha Upsilon. It was a strong chapter, formed by the union of two sets of petitioners, one originally petitioning  $B \odot \Pi$  and the other  $A \Delta \Phi$ , who united after the Beta petition was granted.

In November, a petition for a chapter was received from the "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Virginia," located at Blacksburg, Va. It was endorsed by two well known alumni who were officially connected with the institution, and under the pernicious system of

voting then in vogue, by which silence and indifference were construed to mean assent, the petition was granted, though it did not receive the real approval of the chapters in Virginia. The chapter was instituted March 10, 1877, with twelve members, under the name of Alpha Phi.

The year 1877 opened inauspiciously. Alpha Mu, at Howard College, Alabama, was obliged to drop out of sight and continue a perfunctory existence—*sub rosa*; the fraternity journal suffered for lack of proper financial backing, and did not maintain its previous standard of excellence, and the presiding chapter performed its duties with little vigor; but no ground was lost, and the work of the next year was brilliant.

The convention of 1877 was held August 15, 16 and 17, at Detroit, Michigan. Delegates were present from ten chapters. A strong effort was made to place the affairs of the fraternity upon a sound basis, and with some success. The financial regulations were modified and improved. The most important step taken by the convention was the adoption of a resolution offered by W. C. Ransom, Michigan, '48, looking toward the complete elimination of the esoteric work of the fraternity from the constitution, the open publication of that document, and the formation of a ritual which should embody all the secret work in one ceremony. The convention adjourned after selecting Alpha Lambda chapter, at Wooster University, to act as the presiding chapter.

The work of the new year began well. The founda-

tion of Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore, as an institution of superior grade, suggested a field for Beta enterprise which was readily appreciated by the Baltimore alumni, and a petition was secured from the university, signed by the best men among the matriculates in the academic department. The petition met the immediate approval of the fraternity, and the chapter was established November 30, 1877. In October, 1877, a petition for a chapter was received from Kenyon College, Gambier, O., which was the cause of much discussion. It had been secured through the efforts of J. P. Nelson, Washington & Lee, '69, who was the principal of the college grammar school. Through his personal influence he was enabled to secure the petitioners in the face of the active opposition of long established chapters of other fraternities. The petition was approved by the fraternity officials and the presiding chapter, but encountered effective opposition from the chapters, and was denied. The petitioners were persistent and applied again, and, though we anticipate a little, we may state here that the petition was finally granted, and the charter issued April 8, 1879.

In the fall of 1877 a petition was received from the local society of  $\Phi \Theta \Psi$ , at Marietta College, but it was rejected. In March, 1878, a proposition to establish a chapter at Butler University, (formerly Northwestern Christian University), Irvington, Ind., was favorably considered by the fraternity, and the chapter was established under the name of Alpha Psi, March 28, 1878.

This chapter, though instituted under favorable auspices, was finally withdrawn, the condition of the university not warranting its further continuance. During the same month the Monmouth chapter finally succumbed to hostile college laws, and became defunct. While living it was a splendid chapter. It was situated in a denominational college, the faculty of which was largely composed of Betas, and, though never large, the Beta chapter was composed of picked material. During the last few years of its existence its usefulness was impaired because it was obliged to run *sub rosa*, and it finally surrendered its charter rather than continue its secret existence. A I, at Washington University, St. Louis, which had been enjoying a merely nominal existence for some time, finally ceased to exist during the spring of 1878, and A T, at William & Mary College, did not live through the year.

A petition was presented in March, 1878, from the University of California. The personal testimonials of the petitioners and a fine presentation of the condition and prospects of the university secured a favorable hearing, and a charter was promptly granted to the petitioners and forwarded to California Betas for the institution of the new chapter. Their investigation soon disclosed the fact that some, at least, of the signatures to the petition were made in bad faith. It turned out that the whole application was a scheme on the part of a member of another fraternity to secure the ritual and other secret papers of the fraternity. This gentleman, thinking that a system then prevalent in his own fraternity, by which

chapters were established by correspondence, obtained in B @ II, hoped by means of the bogus petition to have sent to him the papers of the fraternity. The fact that the ritual and other papers were transmitted to Betas resident in San Francisco frustrated the scheme. The convention of 1878 considered the situation, but did not withdraw the charter thus granted, as the university was deemed to be a fitting place for a chapter. W. T. Hume, Wabash, '78, visited the university, and through the assistance of resident alumni secured four charter members to establish the chapter, who, by their energy and enterprise, have made it one of the strongest fraternity organizations in that institution.

During the year 1877-78 the Dickinson chapter was rent by an internal feud arising out of the rivalry between the college literary societies—an anomalous condition of things; for, although the fraternities have often been accused of creating disturbances in the literary societies, we know of no other instance of a reversal of the situation, and the creation of a disturbance in a fraternity chapter by the literary societies. The breach was finally healed through the energy and fraternal zeal of W. R. Israel.

The convention of 1878 met at Indianapolis, Ind., September 4, 5 and 6. In many respects it was the most successful meeting of the fraternity which had been held up to that time. Delegates were present from fourteen chapters and the number of visitors exceeded 100. The public exercises, consisting of an oration by Hon. A. J.

Poppleton, Michigan, '51, of Nebraska, and a poem delivered by Hon. J. B. Black, Asbury, '60, of Indiana, were interesting and well attended. The Indianapolis alumni tendered a banquet to the delegates and visitors, and socially the convention was a complete success. The principal legislation enacted was the adoption of the report of the committee on constitution. This committee presented an entirely new constitutional document, admirably drawn up and omitting the secret work; supplementing it by a lengthy report, which presented in detail the reasons which had actuated the committee in proposing such a radical change. It was urged that an open constitution would enable the fraternity to overcome the opposition of college authorities by presenting to them an intelligible statement of the object, aims and scheme of government of the fraternity; that it would, by being printed and distributed, diffuse a wider and more general knowledge of the foundation principles of the order, and would be a powerful argument in inducing desirable men to become members. All the predictions of the committee have since been more than realized, and it is now difficult for us to understand upon what ground was based the intense opposition to the plan. But the change seemed to many of the members to be little short of sacrilege, and even after the adoption of the open constitution we know that many old Betas waited with anxiety to see the entire fraternity fall to pieces. No such result followed and the example has since been followed by many of the most progressive fraternities.



A Γ, at Wittenberg College, was made the presiding chapter for the next year, and George C. Rankin, of Monmouth, '72, was elected editor of the magazine, Rev. E. J. Brown, Hanover, '73, being made General Secretary. George C. Rankin being unable to act as editor, Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, was elected by the presiding chapter. The chapter at the University of California was established March 18, 1879, the one at Kenyon College April 8, 1879, as before narrated, while a new chapter was placed at the University of Mississippi June 4, 1879. This latter chapter was formerly a chapter of a once extensive southern fraternity known as the A K Φ. This fraternity originated at Centre College, Kentucky, about the year 1858, and rapidly extended into the south. Its chapters were mostly killed by the Civil war, and the only chapter which rose to prominence thereafter was the chapter at the University of Mississippi. In 1877 the original chapter at Centre College, being in a weak condition, disbanded. The Mississippi chapter was advised to apply for a Beta charter, which it accordingly did.

But the most important event of the year in the line of extension was the union with the fraternity of A Σ X, the negotiations to that end having been in progress during the entire college year. An account of this union is given elsewhere in detail.

The convention of 1879 met at Cincinnati, Ohio, September 2, 3 and 4. Delegates were present from sixteen chapters and the attendance of visitors was very large.

The new constitution and new ritual were adopted. Pink and blue were decided upon as the fraternity colors, and the badge was fixed as to its form and dimensions. A board of directors was elected under the new system, and every effort was made to place things in such a position that the momentous changes taking place should be made without any unnecessary friction. Everything showed that the fraternity was in a good condition, the chapters were strong and enthusiastic, the journal was well supported, the treasury was not empty, and the only Beta enterprise which was not sharing the general "boom" was the catalogue.

## CHAPTER V.

### HISTORY, 1879 TO 1886.

*From the Union with Alpha Sigma Chi to the Convention of 1886.*

The new system of government went into operation easily and without friction. The new board of directors prepared its certificate of incorporation as follows:

At a meeting of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, held in the city of Cincinnati, in the state of Ohio, on Thursday, the 4th day of September, A. D. 1879, it was resolved:

1st. That we proceed to elect a board of directors, consisting of nine members, six of whom shall reside in the city of Cincinnati, or its vicinity, to hold their office according to the constitution of the fraternity.

2nd. That the name of the fraternity shall be that of Beta Theta Pi.

3d. That its principal office shall be in the city of Cincinnati.

And thereupon the following named persons were duly elected said directors, viz:

*For three years*, John W. Herron, Cincinnati, Ohio; John I. Covington, Cincinnati, Ohio, and W. C. Ransom, Port Huron, Mich.

*For two years*, Thad. A. Reamy, M. D., Cincinnati, Ohio; W. F. Boyd, Cincinnati, Ohio, and O. R. Brouse, Chicago, Ill.

*For one year*, David H. Moore, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio; R. Harvey Young, Cincinnati, Ohio, and A. D. Lynch, Indianapolis, Ind.

I, W. E. Dennison, secretary of said meeting of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

(Signed)

W. E. DENNISON.

The undersigned directors, elected by the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, hereby accept the terms and conditions of the act of the legislature of the state of Ohio, passed May 1, A. D. 1852, as amended January 26, A. D. 1865 (S. & S., 239).

(Signed)

W. F. BOYD,

R. HARVEY YOUNG,

JOHN W. HERRON,

DAVID H. MOORE,

W. C. RANSOM,

THAD. A. REAMY,

O. R. BROUSE,

JOHN I. COVINGTON,

A. D. LYNCH.

The first meeting was held September 4, 1879, and all of the members were present except D. H. Moore. John W. Herron, Miami, '45, was elected president, and W. F. Boyd, Ohio, '66, was elected secretary. John I. Covington, Syl. G. Williams, W. E. Dennison and Willis O. Robb were elected editors of the fraternity journal. Better choice could not have been made, and it improved in every respect under their direction.

The union with A  $\Sigma$  X was consummated at Ithaca, N. Y., October 9, 1879, and five new chapters were at once added to the roll; viz: Beta Gamma, Rutgers; Beta Delta, Cornell; Beta Epsilon, Stevens; Beta Zeta, St. Lawrence; and Beta Eta, Maine State. A new district was at once erected, including with these the chapters at Washington & Jefferson and Dickinson, and William R. Baird, the former secretary of the A  $\Sigma$  X, was made Chief of this district. The new chapters fell into line and worked like veterans. The new ritual, too, was gener-

ally liked and adopted by the chapters, and everything indicated a prosperous future.

The one great need of the fraternity at this time was a catalogue which should present with accuracy the strength and standing of the fraternity. It was known that the labor of compiling and editing such a work would be immense, and must be gratuitous. Jas. A. Burhans DePauw, '75, at that time catalogue agent, was too busy with other matters to undertake the work, and, finally, when Seaman, of Denison, Terrel, of DePauw, and Baird of Stevens, offered to do it, the work was promptly placed in their hands, with the approval of the Board of Directors. How they completed their task is told elsewhere, but it is important to note here that the work of the catalogue committee caused a great revival of interest throughout the fraternity and developed much latent enthusiasm among the alumni.

In December, 1879, a petition was received from the Illinois Industrial University, at Champaign. A committee of the neighboring chapters visited the place and, reporting adversely, the petition was rejected. The same fate befell a petition received in February, 1880, from the Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington.

After the union with A  $\Sigma$  X, there was a natural movement in the fraternity looking toward the strengthening of its eastern wing, and the revival of the inactive chapters in that district. Early in 1880 a petition was received from the sole surviving chapter of  $\Phi$  K A at Brown University which was granted in February, and

the chapter instituted March 26, 1880, by a committee from the eastern chapters. A banquet was tendered to the visitors by the new chapter, and the occasion was noteworthy as the revival of a chapter long inactive.

In February, 1880, the Betas resident in Iowa City deemed the time favorable for the revival of the chapter at the University of Iowa, which, it will be remembered, had ceased to exist in 1872.

This revival, and the mooted resuscitation of other chapters, brought up the question as to what procedure was proper in order to regularly revive an inactive chapter. The determination was finally arrived at that when five active Betas were found at a college where a Beta chapter had once existed, these members could properly be recognized as a continuation of the old chapter. This was not strictly correct, for the law as it then stood really was, that if the charter of such a chapter had not been withdrawn, it could be revived at the instance of any one chapter, but this law was buried in the inaccessible records of past conventions, and its provisions were not generally known. Under the supposed rule, the chapter at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., was revived in March, 1880, and that at Harvard in May, 1880. This procedure was afterwards abrogated in the course of legislation, and proceedings to revive a chapter are now the same as those required to institute a new one.

In March, also, the fraternity was rejoiced to learn of the repeal of the anti-fraternity laws at the University

of California, which had threatened seriously to injure a most promising chapter. On May 17, a chapter was established at the University of Pennsylvania with bright prospects, while in June a delegation of prominent Betas from Chicago visited Beloit College, in Wisconsin, and induced the college authorities to repeal anti-fraternity laws that had been in operation there for many years.

During the latter part of the college year, the chapter, at Denison University, was likewise enabled to come from "under the rose." A petition from the University of Cincinnati, presented in June, completed the extension movements of the year.

The convention met in Baltimore, August 24, 25, 26, 1880, under the auspices of the Johns Hopkins chapter, and, in recognition of the position of the latter, the university authorities invited the convention to use its halls for their meetings. Delegates were present from twenty-eight chapters. This convention was an important one. A new code of enactments, termed "laws," as distinguished from constitutional provisions, was adopted, together with a series of regulations for the government of conventions. The work of the catalogue committee was approved, and resolutions in regard to the "prep." question were passed.

The "prep." question was one that had been the cause of increasing trouble to the western chapters of Beta Theta Pi, and to other fraternities as well. The new constitution forbade the initiation of any student unless he was a member of some "undergraduate college

class." In the large western colleges, where the preparatory students really formed a portion of the student corps, this prohibition worked great hardship, and the Beta chapters were placed at a disadvantage in competition with their rivals, who universally initiated "preps." A resolution was introduced at the Baltimore convention construing the words "undergraduate college class" to include the sub-freshman classes. It was emphatically voted down, and the following substitute was passed by a vote of 66 to 12.

*Resolved*, That this convention emphatically reaffirms the requirements of our constitution, permitting the initiation of (members of) undergraduate college classes only, and demands that the chapters entirely abandon the practice of initiating preparatory (students) or other ineligible persons.

The petition from the University of Cincinnati was rejected by this convention.

The number of inactive chapters having single letter names and the increasing number of chapters induced this convention to rearrange the chapter nomenclature. Boston was changed from A Y to Y; Stevens from B E to  $\Sigma$ ; Ohio University from K to B; Northwestern from AP to P; Randolph-Macon from A  $\Xi$  to  $\Xi$ ; California from A  $\Omega$  to  $\Omega$ ; the Harvard chapter was called H, the Brown K, and the University of Pennsylvania  $\Phi$ . The charters of the chapters at Cincinnati, Western Reserve, North Carolina, Princeton, Williams, Knox, Washington & Lee, Illinois, South Carolina, Davidson, U. S. Naval Academy, Monmouth, Chicago, Washington



(Mo.) and William & Mary were formally withdrawn, so that there might be no question about the matter. The chapters at Butler, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia State, Trinity University and Howard College were ordered to be investigated by the Board of Directors, and they were directed to send a commissioner to make a personal investigation of the Trinity and Virginia State chapters. The convention concluded with a pleasant banquet, and the day after adjournment the larger portion of the visitors went to Annapolis and ate a Maryland supper at the invitation of the Baltimore alumni.

The college year of 1880-81 was one of reconstruction and elimination. In the summer of 1880, the members of an old local society of high standing, called the "Adelphia," at Madison (now Colgate) University, Hamilton, New York, sent in a petition for a Beta charter, which was granted, and the chapter was established December 10, 1880. By this move, the fraternity obtained a chapter of fine local reputation, possessing a valuable library, and with every prospect of success before it. The privilege granted to this chapter to bring into the fraternity the alumni of the local society from which it sprung has been since happily exercised.

Early in the college year, the Board of Directors took up the task of investigating the chapters criticised by the Baltimore convention. At the meeting held January 28, the board passed resolutions asking the chapters at Butler University and at Virginia Military Institute to surrender their charters, the former because the stand-

ing of the college did not insure a large attendance and sufficient material could not be secured for a permanently good chapter; and the latter, because the anti-fraternity sentiment and the establishment of rivals without reputation and their initiations without acquaintance left no field for a Beta chapter with a reputation to maintain. The Butler chapter ceased to exist February 13, and the V. M. I. chapter February 16, 1881.

The fraternity was strengthened by these eliminations, and the good work was further carried on by the surrender of the charter of the chapter at the Virginia State College, March 21, 1881. The charter and records of the chapter at Howard College, were also returned in the fall of 1880. It was, undoubtedly, hard for the earnest Betas who composed these chapters to surrender their organization, but they realized that the step was for the good of the entire order, and acquiesced. Edwin H. Terrell, the commissioner appointed to investigate the condition of the Trinity chapter, reported that the charter should be withdrawn, but the chapter protested, and the matter was held in abeyance to await the action of the next convention.

On the 4th of May, 1881, the chapter at Western Reserve was revived at the earnest solicitation of its alumni.

Another eastern chapter was established at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., May 13, 1881, by the absorption of a local society called B K, which had originated two years previous. During the year alumni chap-

ters were organized at Kansas City, Cleveland and San-Francisco.

With the college year 1880-81 a period of unexampled extension was concluded. It may not be unprofitable to review the career of the fraternity to this date. From 1839 until 1858 the policy of the fraternity was one of rapid extension. The chapters seemed to have acted upon the principle that membership in the fraternity was such a good thing that it should be denied to no set of petitioners who applied for it. Fortunately, many of the schemes to form chapters did not materialize, but the inherent weakness of the policy which directed the energies of the fraternity toward the establishment of new branches rather than the upbuilding and strengthening of old ones, was shown in the desertion of the chapters at Brown and Williams, and the loss of those at Harvard and Princeton, and later at the University of North Carolina and the inability of the fraternity to withstand the shock of the war.

The fraternity undoubtedly suffered greatly by that struggle, many of its chapters were cut off and its best ones suffered serious curtailment of membership. Upon the return of peace, with a small and compact organization came an opportunity to conserve and strengthen its position, which was neglected. The chapters established were at Monmouth, Wittenberg, Westminster, Iowa Wesleyan, Chicago, Denison, Virginia Military Institute, Washington (Mo.) and institutions of similar standing, the future of which was not then assured.

Even the desertion of the Michigan and Western Reserve chapters did not serve as a warning, and the extension went on, adding Beloit, Bethany, Richmond, Wooster, Howard, Randolph-Macon, Trinity University, Butler, William & Mary, Virginia State, and disregarding Syracuse, Lafayette and Columbia. While many of the chapters were in colleges which are now of excellent standing, their tenure of life at that time was uncertain, and it was not good policy to grant charters, as was undoubtedly done, with little investigation and less discrimination.

The debate over the proposition to grant the Kenyon petition and the earnest opposition to it was a hopeful sign. The internal development of 1878 and 1879 was more than encouraging, and when the eastern wing was established by the addition of the five A  $\Sigma$  X chapters the revival of the Brown and Harvard, and the establishment of the Union, Colgate and Pennsylvania chapters, with the simultaneous withdrawal of chapters known to be weak, it was felt throughout the fraternity that it was time to pause and consolidate, to harmonize the new elements, and to imbue them with the Beta spirit. Consequently the convention of 1881 marks an epoch. Since then the fraternity has been conservative both in its inward and outward work, but few chapters have been established, and those have been placed at institutions of undoubted reputation, well able to afford material sufficient to maintain them well. Every chapter established since 1879 is now active and in good con-

dition. Our policy has been to enter good colleges, and then only after thorough investigation, and the fraternity has been the better for it. It has become increasingly difficult to secure favorable action upon petitions, and to obtain a charter from the fraternity implies a deal of hard work. The burden of proof rests rather heavily upon the applicants and if they fail to sustain it the fraternity is justified in believing they did not deserve to succeed.

The annual convention met at Chicago, August 30 and 31 and September 1, 1881. It was altogether the best convention which had been held, up to that date, and the resident alumni fairly outdid themselves in the effort to make the gathering a success. The arrangements were under the charge of Gen. R. W. Smith, Williams, '51, of Chicago. Hon. A. P. Carpenter, Williams, '51, of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, was president and John Bascom, Williams, '49, then president of the University of Wisconsin was the orator. The number of delegates and visitors was large, and the business meetings were well attended. It was remarkable that the old Williams chapter should have furnished to this convention its president, its orator and the chairman of its committee of arrangements.

The banquet, tendered by the Chicago alumni, was held in the Grand Pacific Hotel, and proved a great success. Toasts were responded to by many of the prominent public men of the northwest, and the occasion was memorable. The public exercises consisted of the ora-

tion by Rev. John Bascom, above referred to, '49, a poem by Hon. W. F. Stone, DePauw, '57, of the Supreme Court of Colorado, and an essay by J. Winslow Snyder, Richmond, '79, of Kansas City. Delegates were present from thirty-four active and seven alumni chapters.

A petition from the University of Illinois was rejected, as the necessary preliminaries had not been complied with, and one from Columbia College was granted, after a searching inquiry into the character and standing of the petitioners, while one from the University of Nebraska was referred to the chapters for their action. Charles J. Seaman resigned as song-book editor, and was succeeded by W. H. January, Centre, '80. William R. Baird was elected editor of a "Manual of Information" for the use of the fraternity, and the catalogue committee reported that their work was nearly completed. The question of permitting chapters of the fraternity to enter into political combinations with those of other fraternities for the purpose of influencing college politics was definitely settled. The chapters of Beta Theta Pi were distinctly ordered to take no part in any such combination.

The "prep" question again came up for consideration. The chapters already affected by the action of the Baltimore convention were present in force, and the matter being referred to the committee on constitution, it reported a resolution that "The sense of the convention is that the initiation of preparatory students be in

every way discouraged," but this was rejected, and the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 28 to 5:

That in institutions having a preparatory department attached as a part of their collegiate system, the classes which are under charge of and taught by college professors, and are carried on the college catalogue, such preparatory department may be construed as coming within the constitutional designation of "undergraduate classes" until otherwise ordered by a general convention of the fraternity.

It was certainly a very mischievous step to attempt a change in the constitution by indirect *construction* of its provisions. This resolution was rescinded by the next convention, and no further legislation upon the subject has been necessary. Occasionally a "prep" student has been initiated, but the practice has virtually ceased.

The new chapters at Union and Western Reserve were called N and "B K" respectively. The name of the latter was subsequently changed to "B," and the name "B, K" bestowed upon the chapter at Ohio University, which had at times borne the names of both "B" and "K." The charter of the chapter at Trinity University was withdrawn.

A law regarding "dispensations" was passed, forbidding a chapter to "elect or initiate any person not a student in some department of the institution in which the chapter is located, *except* that in cases of obvious expediency the board of directors may grant a dispensation allowing the initiation of students in other institutions." Previous to the passage of this enactment

there had been no constitutional restriction upon such initiations and the chapters not infrequently initiated a student of some neighboring college, sometimes with a view to securing his assistance in the formation of a new chapter and sometimes not. The power thus given to the directors, and later transferred to the executive committee, has since been sparingly exercised, and has been a valuable aid in building up a chapter previous to its formal establishment.

The convention also adopted a new system of keeping the 'fraternity's roll, requiring the requisite data concerning initiates to be placed on blanks provided for the purpose and transmitted to the General Secretary, and refusing recognition to any alleged member whose name was not placed on this roll.

The directors and General Secretary were ordered to compile the laws and publish them in the form of a code. The directors were also ordered to secure and engross in a book the proceedings of all the previous conventions. This has never been done, and it has remained for unofficial enterprise to collect and preserve these records.

Rev. E. J. Brown resigned as General Secretary, and was succeeded by Eugene Wambaugh, Ohio Wesleyan, '75.

The year 1881-82 was very quiet, and was chiefly devoted to strengthening the position of the fraternity in its organization. The eastern district was split into two, one comprising New England and the other the Middle States. The only chapter of the year was established



October 14, 1881, at Columbia College, and given Alpha Alpha, the old name of the Monmouth chapter. Many propositions for chapters were received, but all were rejected or held to wait the action of the next convention. The petition from the University of Nebraska was rejected in November, mainly on account of the great preponderance of preparatory over collegiate students at that institution. Petitions from Illinois University and Mercer University failed to obtain the necessary preliminary consents, and petitions from Adrian College, Pennsylvania College, and North Georgia Agricultural College were not submitted to the chapters, not receiving the proper official endorsements.

In November, 1881, a petition was received from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. Anti-fraternity laws were said to prevail at that institution, and, while the petitioners formed an excellent body of men, it was deemed expedient to hold the matter under advisement until the facts were more fully ascertained. The General Secretary visited the university and the petitioners, and also visited the Mu chapter at Cumberland University, which was in the neighborhood. The result was, that upon his report the directors granted a dispensation to the Cumberland chapter to initiate the Vanderbilt petitioners, thus strengthening that chapter and retaining a hold on Vanderbilt. The anti-fraternity laws were subsequently repealed, and the chapter was then established.

The long looked for catalogue was issued in December, 1881, and was in reality the most notable event of

the year. While it had many faults and deficiencies, yet it marked a great advance upon any previous Beta catalogue, and has since been of great help to the fraternity.

During the college year, a very elaborate report in regard to the "prep." question was prepared by W. A. Hamilton, of Northwestern, and assisted materially in the solution of that vexatious problem.

In the winter two notable gatherings of alumni took place at Indianapolis and Kansas City, and the alumni chapters of Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Richmond were reorganized under the laws of 1881. In May, 1882, a petition for a chapter was received from Colby University, Waterville, Maine.

In February, 1882, a "Pan-Hellenic" meeting of the editors of several fraternity journals, suggested by Willis O. Robb and called by the *Beta Theta Pi*, met at Philadelphia, and made arrangements for a general meeting of the fraternities, to be held July 4, 1884, but not enough fraternities assented to it to warrant holding the meeting at the adjourned day.

The convention which met at Cincinnati, August 29, 30 and 31, 1882, was in every way a success, though it did not equal in brilliancy the meeting of the previous year at Chicago. Delegates were present from thirty-one undergraduate and four alumni chapters. The president was Lieutenant-Governor Will. Cumbach, DePauw, '53, of Indiana, the orator was Governor A. G. Porter, DePauw, '43, of the same state, and the poet was H. S. Babcock, Brown, '74, of Providence, R. I.

The convention codified the laws of the fraternity, passed an important revenue measure, rejected the petition from Colby, tabled the one from Vanderbilt, and carefully considered some of the problems before the fraternity, without definite action. It also amended the constitution, making the conventions biennial, but this was rejected by the next convention. A committee was also appointed to revise the ritual.

During the year 1882-83, steady development and quiet prosperity were the order of the day. Petitions from Syracuse University, Colby University and Ohio State University failed of approval. The petitioners at Ohio State, in recognition of their persistent loyalty in working several years for a charter, were permitted to be initiated by the Ohio Wesleyan chapter.

In the spring of 1883 the General Secretary visited many of the chapters of the fraternity.

The convention of 1883 met at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., August 28, 29 and 30. Delegates were present from twenty-three undergraduate and from six alumni chapters.

This convention was notable for its social features. One-half of each day was devoted to some excursion; a coach ride to the lake, an excursion to Mount MacGregor, a trip to Lake George, a banquet and a hop added to the attractions of the meeting, and a fine public address was delivered by Chancellor Chas. N. Sims, DePauw, '59, of Syracuse University. Petitions from Vanderbilt, Colby, Emory, and Amherst Colleges were before this

convention. The latter was from a strong local society called the "Torch and Crown," and was granted; the others were rejected.

The amendment making the conventions biennial was rejected. An amendment that every fourth convention should meet in Cincinnati was passed, and also one changing the public names of the chapters from their Greek titles to names taken from the institutions at which they were located.<sup>1</sup>

The board of directors was requested to send an annual letter to the alumni of all inactive chapters, but the request has never been complied with. Provision was also made for levying an assessment upon the chapters to defray the convention expenses, but it was not enforced until much later.

On their way to this convention a party of the delegates met at Chautauqua Lake, and formulated the scheme for an alumni club house, which developed into the establishment of "Wooglin-on-Chautauqua" as a summer resort.

The year 1883-84 was one of progress in every direction. The Amherst chapter was instituted October 12, 1883, and was given the name of Beta Iota; and the anti-fraternity laws having been repealed at Vanderbilt in November, the petition from there was promptly placed

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<sup>1</sup> The number of chapters by this time had increased to such an extent that the alphabet had been twice exhausted and "B I" had been reached on the third list. The Greek letter names of the chapters were unfamiliar to the majority of the members and the change was in the direction of common sense and economy.

before the chapters, and having been favorably acted upon, that chapter was formally instituted February 22, 1884, as the Beta Lambda, though, at the request of the chapter, its charter was dated as of the day when the first dispensation was issued; viz, January 19, 1882. During the year, petitions from Syracuse, Central University (Ky.), University of Georgia and Southwestern Presbyterian University failed of preliminary approval, and were rejected without being placed otherwise before the fraternity. Alumni chapters were established at Boston and Wheeling.

In April, 1884, a new edition of the song book, with full musical scores, was issued.

During this year, also, the matter of the alumni club was vigorously pushed by Chas. J. Seaman, E. H. Terrell and W. K. L. Warwick. The club was incorporated, with headquarters at Cleveland. Sufficient stock was subscribed for to warrant it, and in the spring of 1884 a club house was built on the grounds. The board of directors therefore changed the place for holding the next convention, and it was ordered to be held in this new club house August 18, 1884.

The convention of 1884 was the first of a long series of successful meetings held at Wooglin. Delegates were present from thirty-seven undergraduate and five alumni chapters.

The board of directors reported that objections had been made to granting dispensations, and asked for in-

structions, and the convention declared its approval of the practice in all cases deemed to be extraordinary.

Petitions were presented from the Ohio State University, from the University of Denver, and from the local society of  $\Theta \Phi$ <sup>1</sup> at the University of Minnesota. They were all carefully considered and rejected. The directors were requested thoroughly to examine into the condition of several chapters alleged to be weak.

The amendment to the constitution providing for the new system of naming the chapters, whereby the public name was made that of the institution and the private name a Greek name, received the required approval of this convention, and was adopted; for instance, "The Miami chapter, the A of B  $\Theta$  II." Since this convention no effort has been made to apply the Greek names upon any regular system, and they have been arbitrarily selected.

A series of laws regulating procedure at trials, and a standard set of by-laws for alumni chapters, the latter prepared by W. C. Ransom, of Michigan, were adopted.

The General Secretary suggested in his report that, in order to provide for the better performance of the work in his department, there should be added a college secretary and an alumni secretary, it being the duty of the former to keep the roll of the fraternity, and of the latter to generally supervise the establishment and management of alumni chapters.

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<sup>1</sup> This local society afterwards became a chapter of Psi Upsilon.

J. Cal. Hanna, Wooster, '81, was elected General Secretary, and commenced the longest term of office ever held by an executive officer in the fraternity.

The year 1884-85 was one of quiet progress. Alumni chapters were established at Washington, Philadelphia and Denver. In January a dispensation was granted to the Northwestern chapter to initiate certain students at the University of Denver, and to the Hampden-Sidney chapter to initiate students at the Union Theological Seminary, located in near proximity to it, and, in fact but not in name, a part of the institution. In February serious dissensions arose in the Mississippi chapter, having their origin largely in political prejudices, and Willis O. Robb was sent by the directors to settle the difficulty, if possible, which he did satisfactorily.

The convention of 1885 met at St. Louis, August 25, 26 and 27. Delegates were present from twenty-two chapters. It was a small convention as regards numbers, but did its work effectively. Five petitions for chapters were presented: from Ohio State University, University of Texas, Michigan Agricultural and Mechanical College, the University of Denver, and the University of Missouri.

The petition from the University of Missouri was from the members of the Z Φ, a fraternity of some sixteen years' standing, and which had established and lost other chapters at several Missouri colleges.<sup>1</sup> They

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<sup>1</sup> A chapter of Zeta Phi at William-Jewel College, Mo., became a chapter of Phi Gamma Delta.

asked the privilege of bringing in their alumni, should the petition be granted. The Michigan petition was also from a local society. The Texas petition was granted; the others were directed to be placed before the chapters for a direct vote.

There were several decisions of this convention which were of interest. It was decided that members of chapters who were present could act as delegates and cast the vote of the chapters by permission of the convention, if the chapter was not otherwise represented; that when the delegation of a chapter is divided equally on any question requiring a vote by chapters, that the vote should be deemed cast against the proposition, and that only those alumni chapters that had been reorganized under the law of 1881 were entitled to vote as such.

It was directed that a chapter transportation fund should be formed, to pay the railroad fare of at least one delegate from each chapter, by an annual assessment of \$10 upon each chapter, and that every chapter should insert a clause in its by-laws requiring each active member to subscribe to the magazine.

This convention was notable for the presence of two governors of Missouri—B. Gratz Brown, Transylvania, '45, who was president of the convention, and D. R. Francis, Washington, '70, who presided at the banquet.

In the fall of 1885, the General Secretary published the constitution and laws, with all the amendments to date.

Soon after the convention adjourned the petitioners



from Michigan State College and the University of Missouri withdrew their applications. The Ohio State University petition being placed before the chapters, was favorably acted upon, and the chapter was formally instituted as Theta Delta chapter, December 11, 1885, upon the occasion of the third annual reunion of the Ohio chapters. The Texas chapter was instituted May 18, 1886, as Beta Omicron chapter, and on June 22, 1886, the Alpha chapter at Miami was revived, mainly through the efforts of J. Newton Brown, of the Wooster chapter.

Little else of note occurred during the year, except that in the early spring of 1886 Eugene Wambaugh published "The Handbook of 1886," as a consolidation of three numbers of the magazine. This contained the names of all members initiated since the convention of 1881, with notes on the history of the fraternity since that time, and interesting information concerning the active chapters.

The convention of 1886 met at Cincinnati, August 25, 26 and 27. Delegates were present from thirty-three chapters.

The General Secretary presented a searching and exhaustive report concerning the condition of the college chapters, accompanied by statistics in tabular form, giving almost every desired fact about each chapter. It showed, among other things, that the number of preparatory students initiated was steadily growing less. Concerning this matter, the convention passed the following resolution:

That all chapters at which preparatory students are initiated be instructed to make efforts to come to an agreement with their rivals against such initiations, and also to make efforts to induce the college authorities to prohibit such initiations.

In a few cases such action on the part of a chapter had the desired effect.

Two petitions were presented, one from the University of North Carolina, which was not acted upon, and the other from the University of Denver, which was rejected, but the directors were requested to continue the dispensation to initiate students at the latter institution. An amendment to the constitution was proposed, which was subsequently ratified by the convention of 1887, making the subscription to the magazine compulsory on the part of each active member.

A motion to remove the magazine to New York was lost, but it was enacted that in future the editor should receive whatever profit resulted from his management as compensation for his labors. A new song-book committee was appointed, and it was ordered that the semi-annual reports of the chapters should thereafter be printed in uniform size and style.

The directors were directed to look into the advisability of establishing chapters at certain named institutions.

A person not a student having been initiated by the Bethany chapter, and this being the second offense of the same nature committed by that chapter, his name was ordered dropped from the roll.

During the year of 1886-87, several notable Beta gath-

erings took place—a new England banquet at Boston, February 25, 1887, presided over by Judge P. E. Aldrich, Harvard '44, at which 61 members were present. A similar though smaller affair at Baltimore, January 21, and a reception and dinner given to Governor Hoadly by the New York alumni upon the occasion of his removal to that city, March 29, at Delmonico's, which brought out a larger number than is frequently seen at conventions, and which was the first of a series of banquets given to prominent members of the fraternity. Another fine banquet was held at Denver, June 15, which brought out the Colorado Betas in force.

The General Secretary was absent from the United States during part of the year, and his absence was severely felt.

## CHAPTER VI.

### HISTORY, 1887 TO 1893.

*From the Convention of 1886 to the Convention of 1893.*

In January, 1887, a petition was received from the University of Cincinnati, and, being placed before the chapters for a direct vote, was rejected. The Northwestern chapter having refused to longer initiate students at the University of Denver, the Kansas chapter asked for the privilege, and the dispensation was issued to it.

No chapters were established during the year, and no petitions were put into such shape that they could be acted upon by the convention.

During the year, the General Secretary prepared and issued a manual of information for the guidance of chapter secretaries and others, which was of great service.

The convention of 1887 met at Wooglin, July 20, 1887. Delegates were present from Twenty-seven undergraduate and three alumni chapters.

Two governors were again present at this convention—James a. Beaver, Jefferson, '56, Governor of Pennsyl-

vania, and Albert G. Porter, DePauw, '43, Governor of Indiana.

The petition from Denver University was presented and rejected, but the directors were requested to continue the dispensation to initiate students there. The charter of the Rutgers chapter was withdrawn.

The editor of the magazine was requested to thereafter make a report to the convention, and a new standing "Committee on Magazine" was added to the list of regular committees.

A new catalogue committee was appointed, and was instructed to print the catalogue in English, without the Greek and Hebrew symbols theretofore employed, and to insert no illustrations except such as might be especially desirable or appropriate.

Little legislation was enacted, and that mostly of a negative character. The historiographer was authorized to call for certified copies of all papers and records as he might want them, but as those having such records in charge would not usually make the copies or certify them, the enactment was of little value.

The social side of this convention was especially prominent, and the many attractions of Wooglin were enjoyed to the utmost.

During the year of 1887-88 but little occurred outside of the routine life of the chapters. In January, a somewhat unexpected reunion of the Betas of Southern California took place at Los Angeles. During this same month, the fifth annual reunion of the Ohio chapters took place, and

the usual banquets in Boston and New York were held without any especial features to note. In the spring the new song book appeared.

The 49th convention met at Wooglin, July 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1888. Delegates were present from thirty-two undergraduate and five alumni chapters. Three petitions were placed before the fraternity from Knox College, Pennsylvania State College and the University of Nebraska. After much discussion they were all granted, as was also the long delayed petition from the University of Denver. The favorable action of the convention was largely due to the extreme care with which the petitioners in each instance had prepared their case. They each presented printed information of the most conclusive character as to their own standing and that of their respective colleges, and answered in advance nearly every question that could be asked concerning them. They set a high standard in this respect, to which subsequent petitioners have been obliged to conform.

At this convention the principle of not allowing the representation of a chapter by proxy was affirmed. George Beebe, an alumnus of the Cornell chapter, who had moved to Lawrence, Kansas, the site of the Kansas chapter, and who had frequently attended its meetings, sought to represent them at the convention, but was not permitted to do so. The convention likewise emphatically forbade dual fraternity membership, and laid down the following rule concerning resignations:

No member of this fraternity may resign his membership in any active chapter of the fraternity while he continues a student in the institution wherein said chapter is situated, and still retain his membership in the fraternity at large, *excepting* by virtue of a special dispensation granted by the board of directors.

The saving clause was wisely intended for such an exceptional case as had formerly arisen at the University of Mississippi, where the resignation was caused by non-personal reasons.

A feature of the convention was a sermon by Rev. Geo. W. F. Birch, D. D., Washington, '58, from the text, "He is not ashamed to call them brethren."

The convention was made notable by the presence of an unusual number of alumni of the preceding generation, and its conservative and careful treatment of the subjects brought before it for discussion may, perhaps, be attributed to that fact. Among other things, the convention carefully considered the standing of a number of colleges, and ascertained the general sentiment of the fraternity concerning the establishment of chapters at such places.

The matter of getting out a new edition of the catalogue was placed in the hands of J. Cal Hanna, and an appropriation was made toward defraying the expenses of the same.

The magazine was ordered to discontinue the practice of exchanging with other fraternity periodicals.

The Knox chapter was instituted September 6, 1888, under the name of Alpha Xi, the Nebraska chapter, Sep-

tember 13, 1888, under the name of Alpha Tau, the Pennsylvania State chapter, October 4, 1888, under the name of Alpha Upsilon and the Denver chapter, February 28, 1889, under the name of Alpha Zeta.<sup>1</sup>

Opportunities for the establishment of other chapters speedily arose. Under a dispensation, students at the University of Syracuse were initiated, and an unusually worthy group of petitioners having applied, their request was unanimously granted, and the chapter established January 10, 1889, as Beta Epsilon. Certain students of Wesleyan were also initiated at Amherst and established as a chapter May 17, 1890, taking the name of Mu Epsilon.

Each of these steps was taken in pursuance of a broader policy than appeared on the surface. Early in the college year, 1888-89, a correspondence had sprung up between certain Betas and the three surviving chapters of the Mystical Seven, one of the oldest of the fraternities, and which had made a splendid reputation at Wesleyan, Syracuse, Emory, Georgia, and elsewhere, but which, as detailed in another chapter, had suffered reverses, leaving but three chapters living; viz: At the University of Virginia, the University of North Carolina, and Davidson College. At the University of Virginia, the Beta chapter

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<sup>1</sup> The original Knox Chapter was called the Xi and the Randolph Macon Chapter the Alpha Xi. When the roll was rearranged in 1881 as the Knox Chapter was then inactive its name was given to the Randolph Mason Chapter. Alpha Tau was the name of the chapter at William and Mary College, Alpha Upsilon of the chapter at Boston and Alpha Zeta of the one at Chicago. Boston was called Upsilon by the convention of 1881. When the chapter was re-established at the University of Chicago it was called Lambda Rho.



had for four or five years been mainly composed of members transferred from other chapters, who were pursuing professional studies only, and who lacked the earnest, active life which a chapter should have. It was felt that the Mystics would form a strong and desirable addition at this place. The two North Carolina chapters would revive the inactive Beta chapters at those institutions, the Beta chapters at Mississippi and Cumberland would revive the inactive Mystic chapters at those places, and it was felt that Beta Theta Pi was strong enough to enter Wesleyan and Syracuse and provide the alumni of the Mystic chapters at those places with proper chapter connections. The negotiations finally resulted in the appointment of a committee on each side: for Beta Theta Pi, Wm. Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78, John I. Covington, Miami, '70, and James T. Brown, Cornell, '76; for the Mystical Seven, Herbert Barry, Virginia, '88, E. P. Withers, North Carolina, '88, L. L. Young, Virginia, '90, and R. R. Stevenson, Davidson, 89.

The committees met at New York, December 29, 1888, and agreed upon terms which the convention of 1889 modified in some particulars, but which were accepted by the Mystics, and the agreement as modified was accepted by the Convention of 1890.

It was somewhat singular that at the time the correspondence between Mr. Baird and Mr. Barry originated, J. J. Leake, of the Randolph-Macon chapter, suggested to the General Secretary that such a union would be desirable.

Another and somewhat similar move was taking place at Dartmouth. The Sigma Delta Pi society, founded in 1858, had petitioned for a Beta charter under the influence of the Boston chapter, and a committee, composed of Wm. M. Warren, W. H. Seibert and C. G. Cushman, reported favorably.

A dispensation had also been granted to the Stevens chapter for the purpose of initiating students at Rutgers, and had been wisely used in bringing into the fraternity two energetic young men.

June 19, 1889, the semi-centennial of the Alpha chapter was celebrated at Miami, in connection with the commencement exercises of the university. Two of the founders, Marshall and Knox, were present, and a goodly company of others whose names are sprinkled through our annals. The exercises consisted of an address of welcome by Professor A. D. Hepburn, Jefferson, '51, followed by a speech from the president of the university, and then by speeches from John Reily Knox and S. T. Marshall, the two founders present, and Major Ransom, Dr. Reamy, and others. The meeting was presided over by Hon. John W. Herron, who was president of the fraternity, and also of the board of trustees of the university. In the afternoon, there was a ladies' reception at the Western Female Seminary, given by Miss Lelia McKee, daughter of J. L. McKee, Centre, '50, a constant wearer of the Beta badge, and who was the principal of the seminary, assisted by several ladies. In the evening a banquet was held, and there were present

representatives from A Δ Φ, Φ Δ Θ and Δ K E, our long-time rivals, pleased to bear witness to the worthiness of their ancient foe. The occasion was also marked by the choice of the rose as the fraternity flower.

The convention of 1889 met at Wooglin, July 23. Delegates were present from thirty-four undergraduate and one alumni chapter. Petitions were presented from Cincinnati and Michigan State College, the latter was rejected and the former was allowed to continue initiations under dispensation, but were not chartered. Charters were granted to the Dartmouth chapter under the title of Alpha Omega, and to Syracuse under that of Beta Epsilon. The Mystical Seven matter was disposed of as previously stated. The Convention also recommended the granting of several dispensations, with subsequent good results.

Little change of a legislative character took place. The amendments of the previous convention were ratified and became part of the organic law, and no new laws were enacted. The catalogue editor reported the nature of his work, and how far he had progressed. The magazine was again permitted to exchange with other fraternity journals, a privilege withdrawn by the convention of the previous year, and the convention ratified and endorsed the selection of the rose as an additional fraternity emblem.

The social features of the meeting were, as usual, prominent, and though it was pre-eminently a working convention, it was notable for the amount of pleasure pro-

vided outside of that derived from fraternal intercourse.

The year 1889-90 opened auspiciously with the consummation of the union with the Mystical Seven. The convention had made the union dependent upon the consent of the Virginia chapter, whose members would be most intimately affected by it. That chapter was late in its organization for the year, but on October 12, 1889, Rev. G. W. F. Birch, D. D., and William R. Baird visited the university as special commissioners, and the formal ratifications were exchanged. The chapter at the University of North Carolina was formerly inducted into the fraternity December 7, 1889, under the name of Eta Beta, that at Davidson College February 8, 1890, under the name of Phi Alpha, under the direction of J. J. Leake, who had suggested the union in October, 1888.<sup>1</sup>

In January, 1890, the phrase, "With which has been united the *Mystic Messenger*," was added to the title of *Beta Theta Pi* in token of the union.

The Wesleyan and Syracuse chapters, which had received charters as chapters of the Mystical Seven before the union, at once began to take steps to bring into harmonious Beta relations the Mystic alumni of those two chapters. In the spring of 1890, the records of the inactive Mystic chapters in Georgia were recovered, and steps taken to find and bring their alumni into similar relations.

In November, 1889, a fine body of men at the Univer-

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<sup>1</sup> The former name of the North Carolina Chapter was "Eta" and of Davidson "Phi."

sity of Minnesota were initiated under a dispensation granted to the Wisconsin chapter, and subsequently became the Beta Pi chapter. The establishment of this chapter was mainly due to the efforts of W. Teis Smith, Iowa Wesleyan, '86; Leedom Sharp, Pennsylvania, '81, and Edwin A. Jaggard, Dickinson, '79. During the year the work of reviving the Rutgers chapter was prosecuted vigorously, and a body of petitioners at Rochester were diligently at work preparing their petition and its necessary recommendations, and similar work was being done at Lehigh. The petition from the University of Cincinnati was again placed before the chapters and received their favorable action, and the chapter was formally instituted May 30, 1890, under the name of Beta Nu. It was, in effect, a revival of the old Cincinnati chapter, the second one of the fraternity. This petition had been before the chapters for several years, and the applicants had formed themselves into a local society called the X Σ Z, or the Hour Glass Society. During this year, also, a large number of petitions were received which never passed beyond the initial stages. The petition from the Z Φ at the University of Missouri had also been placed before the fraternity, but had not received a sufficient number of votes at the date when the convention met, and so it happened that the petition was granted directly by the convention.

The board of directors, in the spring of 1890, through a committee composed of Frank M. Joyce, Charles M. Hepburn and John I. Covington, selected a flag for the

fraternity, which action met with general approval. In March, the publication of the *Mystic Messenger* was begun, and continued, as detailed elsewhere. The results, however, hoped from its advent were not secured. Altogether, the year was one of great activity.

The convention of 1890 assembled at Wooglin, August 25. There were present delegates from thirty-four undergraduate and five alumni chapters.

The address of welcome was made by John Reily Knox, one of the founders of the fraternity, and was replied to by Governor Beaver, followed by the raising of the fraternity flag above the club house. The orator was Willis O. Robb, and his beautiful address on "Fraternity Humanity" was a delightful exposition of elevated thought. This was followed by the poem by Willis Boughton, Michigan, '81, and a meeting in memoriam of Gen. Robt. W. Smith, of the old Williams chapter. The convention listened to the reading of the Mystic ritual, received and heard read the original copy of the constitution of 1839, appointed a committee to revise the ritual, and provided a scheme for paying for the transportation of at least one delegate from each chapter to the conventions. It also appointed a committee to draft a revised form of government, and directed that the incorporation of the fraternity be secured beyond reasonable doubt.

The following resolution in regard to the relations of alumni and other Betas at a college was passed, as expressing accurately the sentiment of the fraternity:

*Resolved*, That this convention recognizes that the spirit of our fraternity gives full chapter rights and membership to every Beta in any department of an institution wherein any chapter is located, and to the chapter full authority and fraternity jurisdiction over every such Beta.

That it is highly desirable that it be left to fraternal agreement between the chapter and individual Betas in the professional and post-graduate departments whether such members shall assume all the responsibilities and privileges belonging to such active members.

A practice which has been followed by some chapters for several years was referred to in the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That every chapter shall set apart one session in the first quarter of the college year to discuss general fraternity matters.

The year 1890-91 opened with the institution of Z Φ at the University of Missouri, October 6, 1890. During the year, the Lehigh dispensation was continued and the chapter slowly and carefully built up. The same was the case with the Rutgers petitioners; and March 5, 1891, a number of students at Yale were initiated under a dispensation to the Columbia chapter.

The event of the year, however, was the dinner tendered to Hon. John M. Harlan, Centre, '50, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, at Wormley's Hotel, Washington, February 6, 1891. Previous to that time no similar dinner was ever given by a college fraternity. The committee was composed of eminent men, who issued an autograph invitation to attend.

One hundred and eighty-two guests were present, and the ceremonies proper were preceded by the initiation of David J. Brewer, Wesleyan, '55, Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; Benjamin S. Minor, Virginia, '86; Eugene Withers, North Carolina, '88; Frank Andrews, Virginia, '91, and Geo. B. Johnston, Virginia, '72, members of the Mystical Seven, and Prof. John R. Eastman, of the U. S. Naval Observatory, Dartmouth, '62, of the  $\Sigma \Delta \Pi$  society. "Never before in the history of the college fraternities had such eminent candidates appeared together for initiation."

The fraternity caught the banqueting fever, and dinners were held at Syracuse, at Boston, at Newark, Ohio, and at Chicago.

The year was otherwise one of quiet work and steady progress.

The convention of 1891 met at Wooglin, August 3, and lasted for six days. Delegates were present from fifty-two chapters, ten being unrepresented.

The convention was pre-eminently a legislative one. Radical changes were suggested in the system of government. The functions before exercised by the board of directors were divided with a new body, called the executive committee, composed of the three general officers, the General Secretary, the General Treasurer and the Alumni Secretary, one of whom was to be elected each year, for the term of three years. This committee was charged with the "executive administration of the affairs of the fraternity." The board of directors retained the corpor-



ate powers vested in them by the law of Ohio and the control of "the surplus funds and properties of the fraternity," together with the duty of framing the bond of the General Treasurer. The General Treasurer was made the custodian of the funds of the fraternity and directed to pay them out only upon appropriations made by the general convention, or upon requisitions of the General Secretary or magazine editor, approved by the Alumni Secretary. The funds were thus made payable to the persons who needed to use them, and the Alumni Secretary was made an auditing officer. These were constitutional changes, and were subject to the approval of the next convention.

The changes made in the laws were, that the convention minutes should be made a special number of the magazine, the chapter semi-annual letters were abolished and annual letters from each chapter provided for, all of them to be collected and published as a special or supplemental number to the magazine, the subscription price of which was raised to two dollars except to the younger alumni of three years' standing or less, to whom the price continued to be one dollar.

These changes were all in the direction of increasing the amount and availability of the information concerning the fraternity, and placing the administration of its affairs and the disbursing of its funds in the hands of the officers whose duty it was to suggest and advise executive movements and the payment of money.

It will be remembered that the petition from the Uni-

versity of Rochester had been rejected by the preceding convention and a dispensation issued to the Cornell chapter. This chapter had declined to use it.<sup>1</sup>

Three petitions came before the convention from Lehigh, Rutgers and Yale, and were all granted; to Lehigh as "Beta Chi," to Rutgers under its old name of "Beta Gamma," and to Yale under the name of "Phi Chi." The Kenyon and Pennsylvania chapters had virtually become inactive during the year, and the charter of the latter was withdrawn, but at the earnest request of two Kenyon alumni, W. K. L. Warwick and J. Ed. Good, the charter of the former was placed in their hands, with good future results.

The formal installation of the Lehigh chapter took place October 1, 1891, of the revived Rutgers chapter a little later in the same month, and of the Yale chapter February 19, 1892.

During the year 1891-92, petitions were received from Buchtel College, the University of Illinois, Washington & Lee University and U. S. Grant University, and movements for chapters at other places were set on foot, but none of them could secure the necessary preliminary recommendations.

The year was one of internal development and work. Some chapters were strengthened, district reunions and other gatherings were frequent. A dinner at Baltimore February 26, called Wm. M. Springer and Justice Brewer from the capitol, and a series of gatherings of this

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<sup>1</sup> The petitioners subsequently secured a charter from Theta Delta Chi.

kind, fittingly terminated April 16, 1892, with a dinner given to John W. Noble, Secretary of the Interior, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City. This, though not so large a gathering as the dinner to Justice Harlan, was well attended, attracted much public attention, and was made more of by the press of the country than the conventions of many fraternities, doubtless owing to the prominence of the guests and some of the speakers. Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania, presided.

During the year, also, considerable interest was manifested in a proposed exhibit of the college fraternities at the World's Fair, chiefly incited by R. Lee Fearn, Stevens, '84, who was Secretary of the Foreign Department at the fair. The proposed exhibit was not brought together in time, the necessary co-operation of other fraternities could not be secured, and the project was finally abandoned.

The convention of 1892 met at Wooglin, August 3. Delegates were present from thirty-seven undergraduate and three alumni chapters.

The amendments to the constitution passed by the convention of 1891 were ratified, and thus became part of the organic law of the fraternity. The payment of the annual dues was made a prerequisite to the representation of a chapter at a convention, and were fixed at a sum which would include the payments theretofore made on account of the magazine, the railroad tax and the general expense account.

The charter of the Pennsylvania chapter was with-

drawn, and a few of the chapters were placed on probation on account of sundry delinquencies in their work. No charters were granted, but dispensations were directed to be issued to the Northwestern chapter to initiate students at the newly revived University of Chicago, and to the California chapter to initiate students at the Leland Stanford University.

The first Annual, composed of the chapter letters, and comprising a volume of 250 pages and replete with information concerning the fraternity, was presented to this convention.

During the year 1892-93, the subject of a representation of the fraternity at the World's Fair quite generally engaged the attention of the chapters.

The dispensation for the University of Chicago was exercised by the Northwestern chapter, September 30, 1892, and six students of the class of '94 and '96 were initiated. No other chapters were established or attempted during the year, but there was an unusual number of informal gatherings at Baltimore, Washington, New York, Denver, Boston, and other Beta centers of activity.

The new plan whereby the affairs of the fraternity were to be administered by the Executive Committee whereas the law of Ohio under which the fraternity was incorporated prescribed that such powers should be vested in the Board of Directors, produced the natural result of introducing confusion into the administration of the fraternity. Each body sought to exercise exclusively the

functions conferred upon it by the fraternity and the state respectively. As each body was composed of earnest, loyal Betas the situation became painful and continued to be a source of trouble for a few years until the two bodies were practically merged into a harmonious board of trustees.

The convention of 1893 met at Wooglin, July 26. Delegates were present from forty-eight undergraduate with five alumni chapters.

The convention granted a charter to the petitioners from the University of Chicago, withdrew the charter of the chapter at Randolph-Macon College and attached a limiting condition to that of the Mississippi chapter.

Other legislation was had looking to improvement in the routine work of the fraternity, and it was also ordered that the magazine be moved from Cincinnati to New York.

The World's Fair at Chicago undoubtedly was the cause of the meagre attendance of visitors at this convention, but its work was well and loyally done.

This was the last convention held at Wooglin.

## CHAPTER VII.

### *History 1893-1906. From the Convention of 1893 to the Present Time.*

During the year 1893-94, the progress of the fraternity was noticeable in many directions. The administration of the Executive Committee was firmer and it felt that it had the confidence of the fraternity and was not afraid to exercise the power which had been entrusted to it. In an effort to harmonize the relations between it and the Board of Directors the members of this committee had been chosen Directors. This was of some value, but, as a matter of fact, the powers of the Directors as prescribed by the law of Ohio overlapped those of the Executive Committee as prescribed by the fraternity and, as each body sought to do their duty and each perform all of such functions, an irreconcilable conflict arose. There was during the year considerable heated correspondence arising out of the difficulties of this situation. The discord was, however, ignored in the BETA THETA PI and the undergraduates knew little of it.

The Kenyon chapter was revived in September, 1893, with a fine body of men secured through the efforts of J. Ed. Good, Kenyon, '84, Alonzo M. Snyder, Kenyon, '85, and Arthur H. Billman, Wooster, '95, the latter having emigrated from Wooster to Kenyon to help the

movement. The chapter at the University of Chicago was established January 26, 1894. No name was assigned to it but it temporarily assumed the name of "ΔP" which it was permitted to retain. During the year, under dispensations, students were initiated at Stanford University and New York University with a view to establishing chapters at those institutions. Applications for chapters were also received from Central University (Missouri) William Jewell College (Missouri) Baker University (Kansas) and from the Gamma Digamma Kappa Society at Washington & Lee University. None of these petitions were favorably acted upon.

All of the chapters were in good condition with the exception of those at Columbia, Harvard and Mississippi.

During this year the Betas at Chicago gave a banquet to John I. Covington in deserved recognition of his pre-eminent services to the fraternity. At the usual reunion of the Ohio chapters at Columbus, Gen. John B. Gordon, Georgia, '58; an eminent member of the Mystical Seven, was initiated.

The convention of 1894 met at Niagara Falls, July 24, 1894. Delegates were present from all of the undergraduate chapters except Columbia, Johns Hopkins, North Carolina, Richmond, Bethany, Hanover and Iowa. Eight alumni chapters were represented. Melville D. Landon, Colgate, '61, (Eli Perkins) was the orator and Harmon S. Babcock, Brown, '74, was the poet.

The convention granted a charter to the petitioners from Stanford who had been initiated under the dispensation above mentioned. The charter of the Mississippi chapter was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee. A petition from Tuft's College was rejected. A dispensation was ordered to be issued to the Stevens chapters to initiate students at the New York University.

This convention enacted much legislation in a fruitless endeavor to harmonize the relations between its two discordant executive bodies. It also received and accepted the report of William R. Baird announcing the publication of "Fraternity Studies" authorized by the convention of 1893. The magazine management was approved and continued. This was the first convention not held at Wooglin in a number of years and many of the convention veterans seemed to enjoy the change.

During the college year 1894-95 the fraternity continued to be hampered by the lack of harmony between the trustees and the Executive Committee. The directors practically did nothing except to approve of the bond of the treasurer, adjust the claim of Charles M. Hepburn, the former editor and business manager of the BETA THETA PI, and to inquire into the status of the incorporation of the fraternity. It was ascertained that in 1879 all the requirements of the Ohio law had not been complied with and the directors thereupon reincorporated themselves under date of March 16, 1895. The General Treasurer refused, however, either to inform the directors



of his receipts and expenditures, or to permit them to supervise his accounts, claiming to be responsible only to the convention. In effect, the Executive Committee continued to administer the affairs of the Fraternity.

One chapter was established during the year, the "Λ Σ" at Stanford. The Mississippi chapter made several initiations, and the Harvard, Yale, and Columbia chapters showed marked improvement. A dispensation was issued to the Lehigh chapter to initiate students at the University of Pennsylvania with a view to the revival of the Phi chapter. The dispensation to Stevens to initiate men at New York University was not exercised.

Several movements for chapters were projected. Petitions were received from the Universities of Tennessee, Vermont and Arkansas. Applications for charters were made by the last surviving chapters of Φ Θ Ψ at Washington and Lee, and William and Mary, to revive the inactive Beta chapters at those colleges, but they did not receive the support of the nearby chapters. A movement was also started at the State University of Washington.

In connection with the usual reunion of district III, a dinner was given at Philadelphia to Governor Beaver of Pennsylvania, April 25th, 1895. There were many reunions and banquets throughout the year and alumni chapters were organized in Philadelphia, St. Louis and Boston. The magazine management sent the issue of the magazine containing the annual reports to practi-

cally all of the alumni for the first time and it awakened much interest.

Two deaths occurred during the year, which were of serious moment. Samuel Taylor Marshall, one of the surviving founders of the fraternity, and John I. Covington, both died. Covington was one of the most unselfish and devoted enthusiasts the fraternity world ever produced. B Θ Π is indebted to him for many of its best features. His death was widely and keenly felt.

The convention of 1895 was held at the Chicago Beach Hotel, July 23-27. It was well attended and the Chicago alumni exerted themselves to entertain the visiting Betas.

No charters were granted by this convention, but the petition from the University of Pennsylvania was ordered to be submitted to the chapters for action as soon as the college year opened, and the dispensation to the Stevens chapters to initiate men at New York University was ordered discontinued. The charter of the Richmond chapter was withdrawn.

The directors, in their report to this convention, complained that the Treasurer had neglected to inform them concerning the receipts and expenditure of money and insisted that their legal rights be recognized. The chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence who had long been a director and one of the most active in endeavoring to secure its control of the fraternity's finances framed and submitted to the convention enactments designed to accomplish such purpose. These were reject-

ed by the convention whereupon most of the directors resigned. Their places were promptly filled.

In order to remedy the lack of harmony in the governing bodies of the fraternity, a code commission was appointed to draft a new constitution and laws which should prevent the continuance of the undesirable condition then existing.

The General Treasurer reported that he was frequently in doubt from what location to pay the railroad fare of some of the delegates. He said one New England chapter had twice been represented by a member residing in Florida and who claimed mileage from his place of residence and that other similar discrepancies had arisen and he asked for instructions. After some discussion, the treasurer was ordered to pay the fare of the delegates from his residence and not from the location of the chapter which he represented.

The revised ritual was received and ordered to be printed for trial by the chapters.

An attempt was made to solidify the districts and consolidate their influence by the passage of a resolution that the districts should elect and recommend to the president of each convention nominees for the committee on chapters and charters. This attempt to control the action of the president was not repeated at subsequent conventions and the resolution has never since been followed.

A pleasant incident of the meeting was the receipt

from the  $\Sigma X$ , assembled in convention at Cincinnati, a telegram reading:

"The youngest sister of Miami's triad sends greeting to the eldest."

Which was appropriately replied to.

The public exercises consisted of an address by John J. Lentz, Wooster, '81, and a poem by Don D. Donnan, Iowa, '85.

The year 1895-6 was uneventful. The reorganized directors did nothing except to consider matters so strictly within their sphere of action that there could be no question about it, and the Executive Committee administered the affairs of the fraternity efficiently.

Two banquets given during the college year, one at Philadelphia to Mr. Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court, and the other at Boston to Alonzo P. Carpenter, Williams, '49, of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire; Johns Hopkins, Dartmouth, '62, of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, and William T. Elmer, Wesleyan, '58, of the Supreme Court of Connecticut, attracted some public attention.

The petition from the University of Pennsylvania placed before the chapters was granted. The Phi chapter thus re-established received an unexpected accession of strength from the fact that just prior to its installation the  $T \Delta$  society which had been petitioning  $A \Delta \Phi$  for a charter, withdrew such petition and joined the Beta applicants.

The Mississippi chapter did not improve. An epi-

demic caused an unusual temporary decrease in its attendance and this became permanent by the active solicitation of rival institutions. During the year much activity was manifested by the chapters in entering chapter houses, seven being added to the list. The reunions were numerous and enthusiastic, all of the districts but three having banquets in connection with them.

The reactionary spirit of the Chicago convention discouraged petitions for charters and only two such movements took place during the year, namely, the one at the New York University and the other at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The code commission consisting of Major Ranson, J. Cal Hanna and William A. Hamilton, worked hard during the year preparing a new constitution.

The convention of 1896 was held at the White Sulphur Springs, West Va., July 28th-31st. The weather was intensely hot and tried the patience of the delegates and the debates were consequently sharp in tone. In fact, the differences of opinion which arose made all uncomfortable and in many respects the convention lacked harmony. But it did important work and the temporary discord soon disappeared and was forgotten.

The new constitution was adopted so far as it could be done, as it required the action of two successive conventions to make a change in the organic law. Most of the recommendations of the commission were accepted unaltered but a proposed provision making the conventions biennial instead of annual was rejected.

The principal changes were the abolition of the Executive Committee, the reduction of the number of directors to six and the inclusion of the president, general secretary and general treasurer among that number. One-third of the trustees,<sup>1</sup> that is, one officer and one trustee were to be elected each year. The office of alumni secretary was abolished.

The commission restricted the constitution closely to a statement of a plan of government and left the regulation of matters of administration to be governed by a series of laws. They also reported that an examination of the legal questions involved and the receipt of opinions from the Attorney General and Secretary of the State of Ohio enabled them to report that the laws of Ohio placed no restriction upon the residence of any of the trustees, thus getting rid of a great stumbling block.

The code commission was continued and instructed to prepare a system of laws in harmony with the provisions of the new constitution.

The convention rejected the petition from the New York University and discouraged a petition from the Indianapolis alumni for the re-establishment of the chapter at Butler University.

The public exercises consisted of an address on "The Fraternity as an Element of National Unity," by John S. Wise, Virginia, '67, and a poem on The Legend of Wooglin, by Francis H. Sisson, Knox, '92.

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<sup>1</sup> From 1879 to 1897 the directors were usually called "directors," since that time they have been called "trustees." The legal significance of the two words is the same.

The college year 1896-97 was uneventful. No chapters were established during the year, and no petitions were presented to the fraternity, for the first time in its history. The rejection of applications from New York University, University of Vermont, Tufts College, and a number of other well known institutions had frightened off applicants and discouraged the alumni. Much work was done however in the direction of improving the administration of the fraternity.

The convention of 1897 took place at Niagara Falls July 16-20. Its most important work was the formal and final adoption of the new constitution and the consideration of an entire system of laws, which were adopted practically as presented. The power to issue dispensations was given to the trustees, and they were also given a veto power upon the legislation of the conventions to be exercised by a vote of four members within one month after the publication of the minutes and concerning any subject except the granting or revoking of a charter. This power is a safeguard and happily its exercise has seldom been called for. The manner of providing for the payment of money was also modified requiring payments by the general treasurer upon warrants signed by the president.

There were in reality few changes in the laws but their arrangement was improved and their language clarified. It should be said here that since the enactment of this code and constitution, no questions of interpretation have arisen under it, and the constitution has

not required amendment. At this convention the entire Board of Trustees resigned, the Executive Committee went out of office and new trustees were elected, viz: William A. Hamilton, *President*, J. Cal Hanna, *General Secretary*, Charles L. Thornburg, *General Treasurer*, and Willis O. Robb, Francis H. Sisson, and Campbell J. McDiarmid.

The committee on chapters and charters at this convention recommended the withdrawal of the charters of three chapters and thus began a movement on the part of a few chapters which has been a source of unrest to all the chapters in the small colleges ever since.

The year 1897-1898 was another one of quiet growth and progress. It was saddened by the death of John Reily Knox which occurred Feb. 7th, 1898. No applications were made for chapters. The only movement in this direction was made by a local society at Columbian University (since re-named George Washington University) at Washington, D. C., and that did not pass through the initial stages. The board of trustees held four meetings during the year and did its work ably.

The Yale chapter, which had been the object of some solicitude on the part of the chapters, was investigated thoroughly by Willis O. Robb and an accurate statement of its condition and prospects presented to the fraternity. The Vanderbilt chapter suffered a serious decline and the North Carolina and Mississippi chapters were not in as good condition as desired, but the Columbia chapter steadily improved.



The General Secretary re-arranged the districts slightly, putting the two chapters on the Pacific coast in a new district and transferring Michigan from District VII to District VIII.

The war with Spain took away from the chapters some of their most earnest workers.

During this year the Cornell chapter attempted to expel one of its alumni members for non-payment of dues accruing while he was an undergraduate. The trustees declined to permit this but offered under the laws to assume original jurisdiction of the case if a proper complaint were made.

The general treasurer was better sustained during the year than ever before and the administrative system worked smoothly and well.

The convention of 1898 was held at Cincinnati, July 19-22. It adopted the code of laws and appointed a committee to provide a suitable memorial of Pater Knox. It authorized the Lambda chapter to place upon its roll the names of David M. Cooper and Horatio W. Shaw, dropped at their own request in 1847. It considered the question of the relations of the alumni to the undergraduates without any particular conclusion being arrived at and performed admirably a lot of routine work. The social side of the convention received ample attention and the generous hospitality of the Cincinnati Betas was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The year 1897-98 closed the term as general treasurer of Charles L. Thornburg. He systematized the

work of his office, put into effect many novel and efficient features of administration and left it with the general regret of the fraternity.

The year 1898-99 was one during which the fraternity practically stood still, if it did not actually retrograde. The long discord between the executive committee and the trustees had its result in lack of enthusiasm and interest in some of the chapters, and the unsettled business conditions resulting from the war with Spain, and the hostile attitude of many of the chapters toward natural efforts at expansion, all had their natural effect.

During the year no chapters were established and but one petition for a charter was received. This was made by a local fraternity at the University of West Virginia.

The Cumberland chapter at the close of the year surrendered its charter on account of a lack of suitable material in the undergraduate department of Cumberland University and the fluctuating character of the attendance in the professional schools. The Vanderbilt, Bethany, Hampden-Sidney and North Carolina chapters were in rather poor condition during the year and the Mississippi chapter was moribund. The remainder of the chapters were in good condition.

During the year, the Cornell chapter preferred charges against the alumnus previously referred to for non-payment of chapter dues owing from his undergraduate days and he was tried, convicted and expelled.

The convention of 1899 met at Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 28th-Aug. 1st. It granted no charters and distinct-

ly discouraged suggestions for chapters at the Universities of West Virginia and Washington and at Drury College (Mo.) It considered the matter of membership in  $\Theta$  N E and similar inter-class, inter-fraternity societies and forbade Betas to join the same, except upon a dispensation of the trustees issued upon the application for a chapter by a two-thirds majority vote and then the dispensation was to be for one year only.

The alumni relations of the fraternity were carefully considered and discussed and a law enacted directing the trustees to send to the alumni a general letter every four years and to the alumni of every inactive chapter every year. A new pledge button was adopted and a new design for a flag was suggested and a standard form of badge was adopted.

A committee was appointed to place at Miami University a memorial tablet commemorative of John Reily Knox and his part in founding the fraternity.

At this convention the catalogue completely printed and bound was presented and Brother Hanna's eleven years work on it was finished. He also retired as general secretary after an unprecedented term of most efficient service.

During 1899-00 the Board of Trustees, acting under the mandate of the convention, sent committees to inspect the Mississippi, North Carolina and Vanderbilt chapters. As a result of the work, the last two chapters were rescued from a perilous condition. The Columbia and Yale chapters steadily improved and the Lehigh increased its membership. The Harvard chapter began,

however, to acquire the attitude of distrust and discontent which finally led to the revocation of its charter, and the Colgate chapter was torn with dissensions arising out of the  $\Theta$  N E problem. The new general secretary certainly had his hands full.

During the latter part of the year 1899 a number of movements for chapters attracted attention. Two of them, viz: at the University of West Virginia and the University of Colorado had previously been discouraged. Another arose at Bowdoin College and yet others at Washington University (St. Louis), Austin College, at Sherman, Texas, and the University of South Dakota. The first three secured the necessary preliminary endorsements, but the others did not.

On June 15, 1900, the committee appointed for that purpose unveiled the bronze tablet at Miami in memory of John Reily Knox. It was placed in the wall at Miami on almost the exact site of the room occupied by Knox in 1839. It is of bronze, 4 ft. by 2, and has in relief at the right a bust portrait of Knox surrounded by a laurel wreath and surmounting three stars and at the left in raised letters the words:

"In 1839 John Reily Knox and his associates founded here the Fraternity of Beta Theta Pi."

It was the work of Prof. C. J. Barnhorn, of Cincinnati. At the exercises attending the unveiling a few introductory remarks were made by Rev. David S. Tappan, Miami, '64, president of the University. The tablet was then presented to the University by Bishop David

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**BRONZE TABLET**  
**IN MEMORY OF JOHN REILY KNOX.**



H. Moore, Ohio, '60, and accepted by John W. Herron, Miami, '45, president of the Board of Trustees of the University. It was a curious demonstration of the close relation between the fraternity and Miami that the college officials were Betas.

The convention of 1900 met at Put-in-Bay Island in Lake Erie, August 28-31. Four chapters were unrepresented.

The convention received the report of the committee with respect to the indebtedness incurred in the publication of a catalogue and provided for its payment. It provided a new flag much more dignified than the previous one. It arranged for the revision of the ritual, and the publication of a new edition of the song book.

Three petitions for charters were acted upon by this convention and all were granted; these were from the B  $\Psi$  society at the University of West Virginia, the B T  $\Omega$  society at the University of Colorado, and the Sword and Shield society at Bowdoin College. The movement at Washington University was encouraged by a resolution.

The year 1900-01 was one of much activity and some progress. The trustees held six meetings and found plenty to do.

The chapters chartered by the convention of 1900 were instituted as follows: West Virginia, September 15, 1900, under the name of "B  $\Psi$ "; Bowdoin, Oct. 12, 1900, under the name of "B  $\Sigma$ " and Colorado, Oct. 20, 1900, under the name of "B T." Later in the year the

old Alpha Iota chapter at Washington University, St. Louis, was re-established by the absorption of a local society. The vote on this application was taken by mail, and the thoroughness with which the petitioners presented their cause was awarded by the prompt affirmative action of the chapters.

The Colgate chapter which had much trouble over some of its members joining @ N E managed to overcome the difficulty and entered upon a renewed career of prosperity. The Mississippi chapter finally became extinct, but the Vanderbilt and North Carolina chapters picked up courage and improved their condition considerably. Yale and Columbia also made advances. At Harvard, however, the local club spirit became so strong that it was felt that the fraternity could no longer keep its self-respect and permit the chapter to retain its charter. There was no open rupture but the chapter ceased to initiate and returned its charter and records to the trustees. Its members, or the larger part of them, formed a club called "The Calumet Club," the principles and practices of which were more in accord with Harvard conditions than those of Beta Theta Pi.

The Minnesota chapter purchased a house and Indiana, Syracuse, Ohio and Bowdoin chapters became householders.

A great revival of interest took place this year among the alumni, and besides a dinner to Governor Odell at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City, on Feb. 1, 1901, there were banquets at many cities, including Columbus,



Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Seattle, Newark, O., Aiken, S. C., and other places.

The unprecedented action of the fraternity in simultaneously granting three charters in 1900 and re-establishing the chapter at Washington University in 1901, gave encouragement to many groups of students or local societies, and movements for chapters were started at Cornell College, (Iowa), University of Vermont, Lake Forest University, Centenary College (Louisiana) and the Universities of Illinois, Tennessee, Washington and South Dakota.

The convention of 1901 was held at Lakewood-on-Chautauqua, Aug. 27th-31st. It enacted no legislation and suggested none. It returned to the Vanderbilt and North Carolina chapters their charters which had been in the hands of the trustees and it formally withdrew the charters of the chapters at Mississippi and Harvard. It rejected the petitions from the Universities of Tennessee and Illinois, but gave leave to the petitioners at the latter place to renew their application and it granted a charter to the  $\Pi \Theta$  society at the University of Washington.

The social feature of this convention were prominent, all who attended had a pleasant time, there was perfect harmony, little difference of opinion concerning anything brought forward for discussion and much opportunity for manifestations of good fellowship.

Arrangements were made for the publication of a

new edition of the song book and the final settlement of the catalogue debt.

The year 1901-02 was another one of steady prosperity and progress. No one of the chapters was in poor condition, all were either as good or better than before. No lack of harmony was found anywhere, no expulsions or suspensions took place and not a single case of discipline arose during the year.

The chapter at Washington State University was installed as "B Ω" chapter, December 20, 1901. One of the chapters attempted to have the action of the convention in granting this chapter annulled, under the provision of the constitution which makes it possible for one-half of the chapters to annul any action of the convention by filing notice with the General Secretary of their disapproval of such action within three months, but only four chapters Stanford, Michigan, Virginia and Pennsylvania indorsed such action and the attempt failed.

At the reunion of the chapters of District VIII in November, 1901, a resolution was passed with the approval of every chapter in the district asking for a mail vote upon the application for a charter from the University of Illinois. This request was complied with and the result was that the charter was granted and the chapter established February 28, 1902, under the name of "Σ P."

During the year, the Cornell and Bowdoin chapters entered houses of their own which were described in the magazine. Many gatherings of the alumni took place, not only in the large cities but at Denver, Dayton,

Bangor, Cedar Rapids and other places of similar size. At the New York dinner the Rutgers chapter initiated, under permission of the convention, seven of the group of former students at New York University who had petitioned for a charter at the White Sulphur Springs convention.

During the year new roll books were published, and a new song book, the latter under the editorship of Horace G. Lozier, Chicago, '94, who has done so much to improve the standard of the singing within the fraternity.

Several movements for chapters took place during the year at Lafayette, Purdue, Bucknell, Lake Forest, and the Universities of Arizona, Arkansas and Kentucky, but an actual petition was presented only from the institution last named when the convention assembled.

The convention of 1902 was held at Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota, July 8-12. It was far away from the center of Beta population but the attendance of alumni was good and all of the chapters but three or four were represented. No legislation was enacted, no charters were granted, and practically only routine business was transacted. The Minnesota Betas entertained the visitors royally and the social features of the gathering were prominent.

The year 1902-03 saw no unusual development in the life of the fraternity. It made steady progress. The Michigan and Dartmouth chapters built houses, there was a splendid dinner given at the Waldorf Astoria

to the three Beta governors of Massachusetts, New York and Virginia, and reunions were held at Dayton, Hartford and Los Angeles in addition to the usual ones in the large cities. No chapters were established during the year. Petitioning bodies developed at Cumberland University, the Colorado School of Mines and Purdue University. It was a year of internal improvement and growth.

The convention of 1903 met at Put-in-Bay Island, July 16-20. All of the chapters were represented but two. It was a harmonious and efficient assemblage. The matter of the ritual was settled and the new song book was presented and an enlivening and instructive address on the singing of fraternity songs was delivered by Horace G. Lozier, Chicago, '94, its editor. No legislation was enacted. A chapter was granted to the petitioners at Purdue University. Some other locations for chapters were discussed intelligently and one of the chapters was investigated by the appropriate committee.

The year 1903-04 was one of internal improvement. There were an unusual number of cases of discipline showing a higher standard of college conduct developing in the chapters. The Iowa, North Carolina, Rutgers and Maine chapters became the owners of houses.

The Purdue chapter was established September 16, 1903, and given the name "B M." The Vanderbilt chapter was directly assisted by the trustees to get upon its feet and its few members did heroic work in reestablishing it upon a firm basis. The trustees formulated a plan

for the publication of a new edition of the catalogue. All of the chapters increased their strength and improved their standing.

During this year an unusual number of applications for chapters were made to the fraternity. Informal and incomplete applications were received from McGill University, University of the South, Tulane, Simpson College and the University of Nevada and formal petitions from A M A of Kentucky University, B Φ of Colorado College, B Γ of the University of South Dakota, the Crucible Club of the Colorado School of Mines, Δ Θ Υ of Bucknell University, A K of the Case School of Applied Science at Cleveland, the Φ society at Hobart and two local societies at the Iowa State College, the Γ A and the "Tri-Serps,"

The convention of 1904 met at The Highlands Inn, Meramec Highlands, a suburb of St. Louis, July 19-22. Its work was much encroached upon by the social attractions of the city and the desire to visit the World's Fair. The hotel had rather inadequate accommodations for such a large assembly and some of the sessions were held under conditions of physical discomfort.

No legislation was enacted by this convention except an amendment to the laws increasing the annual dues one dollar per annum in order to provide a catalogue fund. No charters were granted but a dispensation was given to the Western Reserve chapter to initiate students at the Case School of Applied Science.

Every chapter was represented by a delegate for the

first time in many years. The fact that the president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was David R. Francis, Ex-governor of Missouri and a member of the Washington chapter, seemed to give every Beta a personal interest in the exposition.

The year 1904-05 was marked by a general discussion throughout the fraternity of the matter of withdrawing the charters of some of the chapters in small institutions, and no great prospects and of what came to be known as the "transfer problem" or the status of a member who left one institution to go to another, in the chapter at the second institution.

Early in the year a mail vote was taken upon the application for a charter made by the Lambda Kappa society of the Case School of Applied Science the charter was granted by a vote of 52 to 7 and the chapter was established February 22, 1905, and given the name of "A K." It has since brought into the fraternity most of the alumni of the local society from which it sprang.

The chapters during the year seemed to undergo a searching self examination and many of them exhibited marked internal improvement. The avowed purpose of some of the chapters at larger institutions to secure the withdrawal of the charters of those at some of the smaller institutions quickened the latter into renewed and profitable activity.

The Missouri and Yale chapters secured houses and other chapters made gratifying progress toward the same end. No cases of discipline arose during the year.

The trustees made a contract with William R. Baird and James T. Brown to edit and publish a new edition of the fraternity catalogue and the work was commenced and pushed forward during the year.

As in preceding years, applications to the fraternity for chapters were numerous and insistent informal petitions came from Lake Forest University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the Universities of Oklahoma, Nevada and Utah, and formal applications from Kentucky University, the Colorado School of Mines, Iowa State College, the University of South Dakota and Bucknell University.

The convention of 1905 was held at New York City, July 11-15 at the Park Avenue Hotel. The New York Betas entertained the visitors at the sea shore and in the city so well that the delegates found it difficult to get time to do their work, but they nevertheless did it and did it well. A charter was granted to the Tri-Serp Society, petitioners from Iowa State College and the other applications were denied.

The transfer problem was settled by an amendment to Section 22 of the Laws providing that the chapter at an institution to which a member removes could elect him to membership in the chapter. The former law was that merely by the fact of his attendance at an institution where a chapter is located, a member at once became a member of the second chapter. The change permitted the chapter a choice in the matter and arose out of conditions at some of the larger colleges where chap-

ters were overwhelmed by the inflow of transfers. The new rule has worked satisfactorily in practice and no difficulties have arisen under it.

The trustees made a report giving the result of an investigation made into the condition of one of the chapters and recommended that it be put on probation and asked authority to investigate the condition of some seven other chapters which was granted.

Membership in © N E and similar organizations was severely condemned.

The attendance at this convention was larger than that at any previous convention and exceeded 500.

The chapter at Iowa State College was installed November 25, 1905, under the direction of Robert M. Thompson and given the name of "T Σ."

In December, 1905, the seventh edition of the catalogue was issued. This was prepared, edited and printed in the unprecedentedly short time of thirteen months.

The Crucible Club of the Colorado School of Mines petitioned that their application for a charter should be submitted to a mail vote, and this being done it did not receive a sufficient number of affirmative votes.

During the year the chapters maintained their uniformly high standard. Many movements looking toward the acquisition of charters were undertaken, some of them at Lake Forest, Bucknell, Baker, Arkansas, Rose Polytechnic and the Universities of Toronto, Oklahoma, Utah and Nevada.

An investigation of a number of the chapters was un-



dertaken by committees of the trustees and their condition, standing and prospects thoroughly inquired into. It was found that all were doing well and deserved the fraternity's support and encouragement, and that those which were not as strong as could be desired were as strong as their environment would permit.

The convention of 1906 met at Denver July 23-28. It was somewhat of an experiment to go so far from the center of Beta population but its success justified the trial. In order to secure it the Betas of Colorado guaranteed to pay the difference between the normal transportation expense and that incurred by the extra travel required. Having secured the convention they carried out a unique program of entertainment which in addition to the usual features included an excursion up the Moffat road to the summit of the Continental Divide and the land of perpetual snow. The convention granted a charter to the Θ Z society of the University of Toronto and rejected the other applications before it. It passed a stringent law forbidding membership in Θ N E and kindred organizations. It passed one resolution requesting the chapter to confine their initiation ceremonies of all kinds to their own hall or house, and another seeking to restrict the badge to its proper purpose and discouraging its use as a merely decorative emblem. It also provided for the examination of initiates in the principal facts of the fraternity history.

The year 1906-'07 was another year of prosperity. The "Θ Z" chapter at the University of Toronto was in-

stalled November 9, 1906, at Buffalo, N. Y. The Syracuse, Dickinson and Ohio State chapters purchased or built fine chapter houses. Many banquets and reunions were held and one especially large dinner at the Hotel Astor, New York City. The New York City alumni organized a club and secured a fine club house, thus consummating a long expressed desire of the Betas in that locality.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### *Federal Members of the Association.*

Twice in its history our fraternity has united with itself other college fraternities—in 1879 the A  $\Sigma$  X, and in 1890 the Mystical Seven—and at four other times it has taken into the fold the last surviving chapter of a general organization, the Mississippi chapter of A K  $\Phi$ , the Brown chapter of  $\Phi$  K A, the Dartmouth chapter of  $\Sigma$   $\Delta$   $\Pi$ , and the Missouri chapter of Z  $\Phi$ . In addition to this, a number of our chapters were originally established as chapters of other fraternities, or as local societies. These have all been mentioned in their proper places in the preceding chapters, but some of them seemed to merit more extended notice.

#### THE ALPHA KAPPA PHI.

This was a fraternity founded at Centre College, Ky., about 1858. Chapters were placed at a number of southern colleges, such as Cumberland and LaGrange, in Tennessee; Oakland and the University in Mississippi; Bethel in Kentucky, and perhaps elsewhere. The fraternity was crippled by the war, but was reorganized in 1866. The Psi chapter, which had been established at the University of Mississippi, was left the sole sur-

viving chapter when the parent chapter became inactive in 1878, and in 1879 it received a charter as the "B B" of B Θ Π. Few of the alumni of the old chapter ever became Betas, though they were accorded that privilege.

#### THE ALPHA SIGMA CHI.

This fraternity resulted from the friendship of several schoolmates attending a preparatory school at Blirstown, N. J. During their association at this school, they formed a secret organization on the familiar schoolboy plan, but which seemed to have such elements of permanence in it that when the time arrived for the members to enter the different colleges they had chosen, they were loth to give up their society, and resolved to establish on its basis a college fraternity. As one member, Elbridge Van Syckel, intended to enter Rutgers; another, Ellis D. Thompson, Cornell, and a third, Louis La Tourette, Lafayette, the plan seemed feasible. La Tourette died before he was able to accomplish anything at his college, but Van Syckel and Thompson were more successful. The former, together with one or two other members of the "schoolboy society," the name of which was originally the "S. A. C.," soon founded a *sub rosa* chapter at Rutgers, changing the name of the organization to A Σ X, and calling themselves the "A" chapter. The organization was effected during the year 1871-72, and was successful, though the members did not wear badges until October, 1874. Thompson, working more slowly, did not get the "B" chapter into work-

ing order until February, 1874. At that time boating was the most popular sport at Ithaca, and one which had brought the university into prominence, and the early selection of one or two prominent oarsman made the chapter widely known, and served to establish it firmly. The next year, 1875, in February, the "T" chapter was established at the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J. This was then a new institution with a large endowment and able faculty.

In June, 1875, a *sub rosa* chapter, called "Δ," was established at Princeton. It never did well, and soon became inactive. Again revived in 1876, it fell a victim to a combination of disasters, and in 1879 was but nominally existent, and after the union with B @ II its resuscitation was not deemed advisable.

In the autumn of 1875, through the efforts of William D. Makepeace, of Cornell, the "E" chapter was placed at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y. This is a small denominational college with a strong local support. A local society called the "Five Liars," and afterwards the "P. D. Club," was organized in 1872, and, with the support of the college authorities, was successful, and this it was which became a chapter of the new fraternity.

In 1876, a well attended convention was held at Hoboken, N. J., and resulted in the organization of the fraternity upon a sound basis. In May, 1877, a "Z" chapter was established at Columbia College. It was large in point of numbers, the largest in the fraternity, and evinced a disposition to be dictatorial, which was

resented by the other chapters. In the fall of 1878 dissension arose, which resulted in its expulsion. A local society at Maine State College, called the "E. C. Society," petitioned for admission into the fraternity, and after some little opposition was accepted, and was initiated in May, 1878, as the "H" chapter.

During the year 1878-79 the fraternity was not prosperous. The Stevens and Rutgers chapters were offered charters by other and larger fraternities, and the chapter at Princeton was very weak. One or two attempts to establish chapters also resulted unfavorably. At this time William R. Baird, Stevens, '78, was the General Secretary of the A  $\Sigma$  X. He was well aware of the precarious condition of the fraternity and, together with other members, was looking for some means out of the difficulty. Being at the time engaged in collecting statistical information in regard to the various fraternities, and in correspondence with all the college fraternities, he was early attracted by the character and standing of the B  $\Theta$  II. It seemed to be regarded by all its western and southern competitors as their strongest rival; its alumni were well known, and seemed to regard their fraternity with peculiar affection; its journal was superior to those of its rivals, and its reputation seemed to be generally better. It was the only western fraternity which was at that time well known in the east, and the only fraternity of consequence which A  $\Sigma$  X did not meet as a rival, and it had inactive chapters in the east which it was deemed possible to revive. All these con-

siderations led to the query whether it would not be to the benefit of both B @ II and A Σ X to unite, and accordingly a correspondence with that end in view began between them. An offer was finally made to appoint a conference committee to determine upon the terms and method of union. The committee for B @ II were W. C. Ransom, Michigan, '47; E. J. Brown, Hanover, '73, and B. S. Grosscup, Wittenberg, '78. The committee for A Σ X were W. R. Baird, Stevens, '78; W. B. Gunnison, St. Lawrence, '75, and Fred H. Seymour, Cornell, '81.

A meeting was held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 6, 1879. Terms were there agreed upon which were to be submitted to the B @ II convention appointed to meet in Cincinnati in September, and to the A Σ X convention to meet at Ithaca in October. These were briefly that the entire membership of A Σ X, active and alumni, was to be admitted into B @ II, the active members to be initiated by the delegates to the October convention, and the alumni members to be initiated by active chapters or special committees, as should be convenient. The A Σ X members were to be allowed to designate their origin by prefixing the letters "A Σ X" to their Greek names, and were to be admitted at once to all the privileges of membership in B @ II. The constitutions of the two fraternities were found to be very similar, and it was found that the change could easily be made. The Niagara meeting and its objects became known to some of the other fraternities, and several of them en-

deavored to ascertain the terms of union, and made efforts if possible to outbid the B Θ Π. One of the letters received from the authorities of such a fraternity may not prove uninteresting:

Our past and present record is so far superior to B Θ Π, that we ask a candid consideration of our offer. \* \* \* I can offer you the following:

1. We will accept every chapter of A Σ X, and number them with ours, and at once give you all privileges, etc.

2. The———badge will be used by all active members, while your colors, purple and gold, will be used intertwined with ours, \* \* \* and \* \* \*, thus keeping your colors as usual.

3. Our constitution will not be used, if you desire to have yours, but a committee of A Σ X and———can arrange a new constitution composed of both constitutions.

4. We will at once allow you to appoint from your order a member of our national executive committee, who act officially during the time between conventions, and whose authority is supreme, subject only to the action of conventions.

What further can we offer you? Can B Θ Π do better?

Your alumni we will greet as our own, \* \* \* and at our coming convention each chapter will be permitted to send a delegate *without expense*, and we will elect our next president or secretary from your membership. This latter offer is worthy of consideration.

My knowledge of all the chapters of———, and of our most active workers, gives me opportunity to become acquainted with our members, and at conventions I am called upon to offer candidates for officers, and I can assure *you* of the presidency or secretaryship.

Beta Theta Pi offered no such glittering inducements, but it was meant that the arrangement should be honorably carried through. The terms of union were ratified



by the Cincinnati convention of B @ II, September 3, 1879, and by the Ithaca convention of A Σ X, October 21, 1879. At this meeting all the chapters of A Σ X were represented, including the "Δ" at Princeton and the two alumni organizations. The terms of union were altered so that the new chapters received their names in regular order, and the convention concluded with a banquet. The new members were initiated by a committee consisting of W. C. Ransom, Michigan, '47, R. W. Smith, Williams, '51, and C. J. Seaman, Denison, '71. All of the alumni of A Σ X subsequently became members of the fraternity.

## PHI KAPPA ALPHA.

This fraternity possessed but two chapters, at Brown and Rochester. In 1870 a society called "The Wayland Literary Society" was founded at Brown. It was an open fraternity, with methods and practices akin to those of Δ Y. It prospered, and in 1870 effected a union with a similar society at Rochester called the "Literary Union," calling the united organization by the Greek name of "Σ Φ;" the chapter at Brown being called "A" and that at Rochester the "B." The next year, learning that a society called Σ Φ already existed, its name was changed to Φ K A. The chapter at Rochester declined, and became inactive in 1879, and in 1880 the Brown chapter petitioned for a charter as a Beta chapter, and were admitted, reviving the old "K" chapter. The badge was a three-sided shield displaying the letters

"Φ K A" above an open book. The shield was bounded by circular arcs, the upper one bearing the college name. Many of the alumni of this chapter have become Betas.

#### THE MYSTICAL SEVEN.

The fraternity of the Mystical Seven was founded at Wesleyan University in 1837, by Hamilton Brewer. It was a secret and select society, and its membership was confined for a long time to upper classmen. The fraternity at Wesleyan received into its rank students from the south, who aided in placing branches or chapters, called *temples*, in the southern colleges, so that down to the year 1867 the following chapters were established, the chapters being named after emblems of the fraternity's ritual:

- "Wand," Wesleyan University, 1837;
- "Sword," Emory College, Ga., 1841;
- "Skull," University of Georgia, 1844;
- "Scroll & Pen," Genesee College, N. Y., 1853;
- "Wreath," Centenary College, La., 1855;
- "Star," Mississippi University, 1858;
- "Serpent," Cumberland University, 1867;
- "Hands & Torch," University of Virginia, 1867.

The government of the fraternity seems to have been of the loosest nature, and communication between the chapters was infrequent. The fraternal spirit, however, was strong, and while each chapter went on in its own way, developing its own practices and customs, all of

them took in strong men, and maintained a high standard of scholarship.

In 1858 Emory College passed laws against the fraternities, and the temple there became extinct. But the temple of the "Star," then recently established at the University of Mississippi, took its place. When the war came on, in 1861, the southern chapters at the Universities of Georgia and Mississippi and at Centenary College were extinguished, the chapter at Wesleyan declined, and the one at Genesee College (now the University of Syracuse) was the only one remaining in a really prosperous condition.

At the close of the war, the chapter at the University of Mississippi was promptly revived, and two years later, two new chapters were established, the "Serpent," at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., and the "Hands & Torch," at the University of Virginia, both through the efforts of the members from the University of Mississippi, their charters being granted by the temple of the "Scroll & Pen," that being the oldest living chapter as the one at Wesleyan ceased to exist in 1866.

The circumstances surrounding the extinction of the Wesleyan chapter were peculiar and unusual, and unfortunately have given rise to a controversy difficult to understand by those not directly concerned. In 1865, the Wesleyan chapter being greatly reduced in numbers, ten men who were petitioners for a chapter of  $\Delta K E$  made an agreement with the surviving Mystics that they should all become initiated into the Mystical

Seven, pending the action upon their petition, and that if the charter were granted these Mystics should also join  $\Delta K E$ . This arrangement was carried out, and the Mystical Seven, as a fraternity, was abandoned. The truant members, however, had admired its customs and ritual, and not knowing or caring for the other chapters, they organized a senior society, to which they confided the ritual of the Mystics, and which admitted members of other fraternities. This society was called the "Owl & Wand" for some sixteen years, and then assumed the title of the "Mystical Seven," and until the union with  $B \Theta \Pi$ , about to be spoken of, was fraudulently represented to the Mystic alumni to be a genuine temple of the order.

When the temple at Genesee College learned of the desertion of the members at Wesleyan, and their abandonment of their ritual to a senior society composed of members drawn from the ranks of its old rivals, it took up the reins of authority. In 1870 Genesee College was moved from Lima, N. Y., to Syracuse, N. Y., and rechristened as the University of Syracuse, and the Mystical Seven chapter was transferred with it. But here, also, the notion of belonging to a more widespread fraternity attracted the members, and they, too, sought and obtained a charter from  $\Delta K E$ , and abandoned their former relations, but took none of their alumni with them.

The three southern chapters went on, and for a time prospered, but in 1873 the Cumberland chapter graduated all of its members in one class, and none returned to re-

vive it in the fall. In 1878, the chapter at the University of Mississippi became extinct under the pressure of opposition from numerous chartered fraternities and lack of suitable material in the university, and the chapter at the University of Virginia alone remained, but in feeble condition, and in 1880 came near going the way of the rest. But fortunately it was revived, and in 1884-86 established two new chapters, viz:

“Star of the South,” University of North Carolina;

“Sword & Shield,” Davidson College, N. C.

In 1886, the chapter at the University of Virginia heard accidentally that the chapter at Wesleyan was still in existence and opened a correspondence with it. The correspondence, however, languished, owing to a lack of heartiness and fraternal sentiment on behalf of the supposed Wesleyan brothers who were of course simply members of the “Owl & Wand” society and also of other chartered fraternities at Wesleyan.

The three southern chapters showed pluck and energy. They established a periodical called the *Mystic Messenger*, and carried on the work of the fraternity with zeal. For a long time it was a matter of regret to the authorities of the fraternity that the parent chapter at Wesleyan was inactive, and it was decided to take steps to revive it and place it in a condition in accordance with its former reputation. While the methods to accomplish this were under consideration, in 1888, it was learned that the fraternity of B @ II was contemplating the placing of chapters in Syracuse and Wesleyan, and

the reestablishment of their former chapters at the University of North Carolina and Davidson College. It was suggested that if a union could be effected upon honorable terms between these two fraternities, the Mystics might speedily secure the revival of their northern chapters, while theirs in the south would serve a similar purpose for the Beta Theta Pi. Accordingly, the two fraternities met each other in a spirit of accommodation, and such a union was effected in 1890.

The correspondence on the part of B Θ Π was mainly conducted by William R. Baird, Stevens, '78, whose father-in-law, George W. Mansfield, Wesleyan, '58, and a member of the Mystical Seven, materially assisted him.

Herbert Barry, Virginia, '88, at that time executive head of the Mystical Seven, represented his fraternity. Committees were appointed on both sides, and met in New York city, and the terms of union were finally agreed upon. They were, in brief, that the Beta Theta Pi should establish chapters at Wesleyan and Syracuse, which should receive charters as revived chapters of the Mystical Seven, and that similar charters should be issued to the Beta chapters at Cumberland and Mississippi; that the active temples of the Mystics should become chapters of the Beta Theta Pi, and that all of the Mystical alumni of all of the chapters active and inactive should be entitled to membership in Beta Theta Pi. The Mystical chapters were granted the privilege of using their peculiar and beautiful ritual, and their name was perpetuated by naming one of the dis-

tricts of the fraternity the "Mystical Seven" district, and uniting their periodical with the BETA THETA PI, placing after the title of the latter the phrase, "with which is united the *Mystic Messenger*."

The work of tracing and bringing in the alumni of this fraternity was one of great labor. The fraternity never had a catalogue, and it was customary at initiation to give each member a Mystic nickname, such as "Jupiter," "Ajax," "Snooks," "Tecumseh," etc., by which the members were designated thereafter in the records, and identification was therefore, difficult. It is a gratifying coincidence that a number of the sons and relatives of the Mystics of Syracuse and Wesleyan chapters were already Betas, thus establishing at once a cordial and intimate relation with many of the alumni.

#### SIGMA DELTA PI.

This society (called also the Vitruvian) was organized in September, 1858, by Henry L. Bartholomew, William H. Fessenden, Augustus Livingston, Wilkins W. Potter, John A. Staples and Charles W. Thompson, all members of the class of '62 in the scientific department of Dartmouth College whence, while a local society, it mainly drew its membership.

The society was incorporated by the legislature of New Hampshire in June, 1871. The name " $\Sigma \Delta \Pi$ " was the name under which it was organized, but it soon came to be called the "Vitruvian" also, both names being recognized in its charter. A "Beta" chapter was founded

at Cornell University, but it initiated only 14 members, and soon became extinct. A similar fate also overtook a "Gamma" chapter which was placed at Wooster University, Ohio, and which died in 1875, after initiating 21 members. The society was always prosperous at Dartmouth.

#### ZETA PHI.

This society was founded at the University of Missouri, November 8, 1870. It was due to the direct guidance and inspiration of a member of the faculty, who had been a member of  $\Sigma \Phi$  at Hamilton College, and its badge, which was a monogram of the letters forming the name, bore a strong resemblance to that of  $\Sigma \Phi$ . The following chapters were established:

1870.—A, University of Missouri.

1871.— $\Sigma$ , William Jewell College.

1872.— $\Delta$ , Washington University, Missouri.

The  $\Delta$  chapter was short lived, dying in 1874. The  $\Sigma$ , which was fairly prosperous, was released from its obligation to the fraternity in 1886 to accept a charter from  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , which had been offered to it. In 1890 the parent chapter received a charter as a chapter of  $B \Theta \Pi$ , after its petition had been before the fraternity for a couple of years. All of its alumni have become Betas, and the chapter is a strong and loyal one.



## CHAPTER IX.

### *The Beta Theta Pi Magazine—The First Decade.*

For the first inception of the idea of a fraternity periodical, we must look back to the convention held at Cincinnati in 1847. A resolution was introduced at this meeting looking to the establishment of a periodical in which the youthful but vigorous Beta society could introduce itself to the world as a patron of literature. A committee was appointed to consider this subject, and from that time until 1872 the "Committee on the Fraternity Magazine"—sometimes alone, and sometimes united with that having the care of the catalogue—was a regular feature of nearly every convention. The idea then, however, was not to establish a periodical which should afford a means of communication between the members, and which should partake somewhat of the nature of a newspaper, but to establish a periodical which should be a medium for the publication of the literary productions of the members.

In 1872 Rho chapter, at Washington & Lee University, was the presiding chapter, and Charles Duy Walker was the General Secretary of the fraternity. He determined to establish a journal which should be of practical value.

and to throw aside all the literary aspirations which had before this killed the project.

There is no more fitting place than this to call the attention of the younger and newer generations of Betas to the rare, loving and fraternal character of Charles Duy Walker. He was born of an old Virginia family. He was an earnest student, and when thoroughly prepared entered the Virginia Military Institute in 1860, whence he was graduated in 1869 as the first "star graduate." He served during the civil war in the V. M. I. Cadets in the Confederate army, and was wounded at the battle of New Market. He returned to the V. M. I. in 1866, and immediately after his graduation was made a professor in the institute. In 1870 and 1871 he prepared the "Memorial Volume of the Virginia Military Institute," a record of the deeds of its students who had fallen in the Confederate cause. He was an earnest worker for the fraternity, and was soon appointed to prominent official positions. After he left the institute, in 1872, he spent three years at the Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, preparing for the ministry, and died suddenly in 1877. An old friend of his, and a member of the Alpha Tau Omega, writes of him, "Charlie Walker never had an enemy," which is a rare character, indeed, for a man of brains to possess. He was the author of "Wooglin's Christmas Song," in our song book.

In September, 1872, the magazine project was gotten under way by the publication of the following circular:

## OFFICE GENERAL SECRETARY BETA THETA PI.

*September 28, 1872.*

I. The undersigned purposes publishing, as soon as he can get an assured list of two hundred subscribers, a four-page newspaper, medium size, to be called "*The Beta Theta Pi*," and to be devoted solely and entirely to the interests of the fraternity.

II. ~~This paper will not aspire to the position of a literary periodical, but will be simply the official organ of the presiding chapter—a medium of correspondence between chapters, and a means of keeping bright among our alumni the memories of college life, letting them see where friends and classmates are, and that the boys are encouraged by their success to make more strenuous efforts.~~

III. The price of the *Beta Theta Pi* will be \$1.50 per annum—two hundred subscribers will just meet expenses. All beyond that will go to the improvement and enlargement of the paper. It is expected that every Beta who receives this circular, or who hears of this enterprise, will consider himself an agent, and will make strenuous and immediate effort to secure additions to the subscription list.

IV. Each chapter is earnestly requested to secure at least ten subscribers from its active members and alumni. By clubbing, three or four copies ought to be taken in each chapter. Let every man who can subscribe. Help the work now, and in time it will help itself, and do its utmost for the honor of Beta Theta Pi.

V. Each chapter is requested to appoint a special committee, whose duty shall be to prepare for the paper every month a complete and thorough synopsis of college and chapter events, including under this head chapter officers and members, their names, classes, etc.; personal items concerning alumni, especially those of last session; college success for the year as to number and standing of students; literary society celebrations, especially when Betas take part; commencements, especially where

Betas take honors, etc. Appoint this committee at once, and send the chairman's name to the editor.

VI. Each chapter is requested to elect from its alumni a historiographer, who shall prepare a history of the foundation, progress and success of the chapter.

VII. Anonymous articles of a general character will be received; but the editor reserves to himself the right of rejecting whatever he pleases.

VIII. Every alumnus, in sending his subscription, will please tell what he is at, and what he knows of other Betas.

IX. This work is not undertaken from personal motives, but for the honor of Beta Theta Pi. Every Beta is interested in the work, and should do whatever he can for its advancement.

In \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,

CHARLES D. WALKER.

Address Box 231, Alexandria, Virginia.

December 15, 1872, the first number of the *Beta Theta Pi* was issued. It was dated from "Alexandria, Va.," and was numbered Vol. I, No. I. It consisted of eight pages, the type space being practically 8x12 inches and each page was divided into three columns. The first number was devoted to an editorial, to a discussion of the position of Epsilon chapter regarding an irregular initiation, two or three official notices, the convention poem for 1871, and a large mass of personals arranged by states. A *fac-simile* of the first page of this number is presented herewith.

But one advertisement was inserted in this number—that of Kirby & Son, of New Haven, who for many years made the Beta badge.

In the second number was begun a series of timely



and valuable papers upon constitutional subjects, collectively called "The Beta Federalist," which series was concluded in five papers, viz:

"Rights and Obligations of Chapters," by C. D. Walker; "Federal Union of Chapters," by O. R. Brouse; "Relation of Betaism to Christianity," by J. N. Rosebro; "Rights and Obligations of Members," by F. T. Blakemore; "The National Convention," anonymous.

In the January number the "Directory of Beta Theta Pi" was first inserted. The alumni news was full and fresh, though the editor did not use up all his space, but filled in with miscellaneous literary matter. In the March number the subscription list was published, the total number of subscribers being 166, of which the chapter at Ohio University contributed 17, the largest number for any single chapter.

Other articles in this volume were one on Syracuse University, by George W. Elliott,  $\Psi$  Y, of that university, written at the instance of Dr. Edward B. Stevens, Miami, '43; a discussion on the advisability of establishing chapters at Randolph-Macon and Columbia Colleges, and accounts of the establishment of the chapters at Northwestern and Wisconsin Universities. In the November number was a new Legend of Wooglin, by William A. Stanton, Hanover, '75. The magazine closed its first volume a good many dollars in debt.

The convention of 1873 met at Cincinnati, December 29. At this convention the *Beta Theta Pi* was made the official organ of the fraternity. The convention directed

that it should be continued under the same management, but should not be printed during the summer months. Charles D. Walker was elected editor until July, 1874, after which date John I. Covington was to relieve him of the burden.

Accordingly, we find Vol. II, No. 1, bearing date January, 1874, issued from Baltimore, with Bayley K. Kirkland, V. M. I. '71, as publisher. The size was changed to the small quarto, double-columned form, which was so long continued, and the paper and printing were vastly improved. In the first editorial it was stated that the sum of \$300 would carry the enterprise through.

The first number contained little but convention news, a new feature also was the Directory, arranged by districts. The title was printed in Greek. The March number contained a summary of the conventions of the fraternity, and a notable letter from Louis Chauvenet, of the chapter at Washington University, St. Louis. In April, the article on Beta conventions was supplemented by information from David W. Cooper, Washington & Jefferson, '74. The first intimations of periodical fraternity literature other than that of Beta Theta Pi were made in this number by the publication of notes relating to some of the fraternities, taken from the *Chi Phi Quarterly* for January, 1874. In June, "Recollections of 1839," by John Reily Knox, form a most valuable contribution to our historical information; and the editor, in his valedictory, urges that more hearty support

should be given to the magazine. His reasons why the journal should be supported are worth quoting here:

"There is no reason for want of success if the members of the fraternity will only give it proper support. This they must do. First of all, every active member should subscribe; the price is not large enough to be beyond the means of any one who is able to attend college. If one member of the order can give valuable time from his own pressing business, or from hours when he is entitled to rest, to do work for the order that is worth hundreds of dollars, it is a shame if each and every one of his brothers does not support him at least to the extent of the few cents necessary for subscription."

But, alas! the words of Brother Walker were not heeded, for the paper suspended for lack of support from July, 1874, to January, 1876.

The Evansville convention of 1875 recognized the necessity for continuing the magazine, and ordered that it be re-established, with the subscription price at \$1.50 per annum, and assessed the amount upon each active member.

We find Vol. III, No. 1, issued from Chicago, dated January 1, 1876, and under the editorial care of Olin R. Brouse, DePauw, '66, and D. H. Cheney, Northwestern, '76. The position of editors of the journal had been thrust upon these brothers by the Evansville convention, without going through the formality of asking their consent, and the editors opened their career with an apology, but with an expressed determination to succeed. A statement was made of its necessities, and it met with good support.



The first number contained a letter from John H. Duncan, one of the founders of the fraternity, and an account of the resurrection of Lambda chapter, at the University of Michigan.

A new feature was added, called "Among the Greeks," which was a melange of personals, news items and familiar admonitions furnished by the editors and served to enliven its contents. The February number contained the first four articles of the Sigma Chi constitution, and considerable statistical information concerning college secret societies, taken from the *Syracuse University Herald*.

In March another statement was made of the condition of the magazine, by which it appeared that the total number of subscribers was 197, which, with the advertisements, was just enough to pay expenses.

The editors made the magazine a success, and there is not a single uninteresting number in the volume. The chapter letters were full, the editorials interesting and the personal column spicy; and when the editors laid down their pens they had reason to congratulate themselves.

The convention of 1876 met at Philadelphia in July, and elected as editors E. J. Gantz, Bethany, '75, and John L. Dickey, Washington & Jefferson, '76. Brother Dickey was obliged to resign, and Brother Gantz was compelled to carry on the enterprise alone. The first number was issued by him September, 1876, and was dated from Quaker City, Ohio, and was entitled Vol. III, No. 7. During this management it seriously deteriora-

ted in mechanical execution and literary excellence, but the chapter letters contained in this volume rather increased in number and quality, and interest in the journal seemed to be deepening. The volume closed in December with the announcement of the establishment of a chapter at Boston University.

Volume IV. began in January, 1877, and Brother Gantz's supervision ended with No. 6, in June. The first four numbers were dated Quaker City, Ohio, and the last two Barnesville, Ohio. There was little that was new in this volume, with the exception of a vigorous criticism of the condition, prospects, organization and government of the fraternity, from the pen of Walter E. Dennison, Ohio Wesleyan, '77 appearing in the number for May, 1877, and which indirectly caused a decided improvement in such matters during the two years succeeding.

The Detroit convention of 1877 elected George C. Rankin, Monmouth, '72, John R. Berry, Monmouth, '72, and John A. Robison, Monmouth, '77, editors, and the first number issued under their supervision in September, from Monmouth, Illinois, was styled Vol. IV., No. 7. In this number appeared the minutes of the Detroit convention of 1877, and an interesting letter from Robert K. Charles, South Carolina, '62, in regard to the dead chapters in North and South Carolina.

The October number contained extracts "From the diary of a Beta who was bound to attend the convention," which, we believe, was written by John S. Good-

win, DePauw, '77. Want of space forbids us reprinting even a portion of this interesting experience; but the result, as summarized in an editorial note as follows, may be of interest:

In order to show the fraternity at large that it is not necessary to stay away from our conventions because one does not happen to be "rolling in wealth," at our earnest request, a brother, whose pocketbook bears no proportion to his Beta enthusiasm, gives us permission to publish that part of his diary which relates to his convention experience. He traveled over five hundred miles, had a glorious time, saw all the sights, gained five pounds of flesh in the week, and got home, all on ten dollars. Even then he privately owned up to us that he had been extravagant, and hardly knew what his father would say to him.—ED.

This number, also, contained the sad announcement of the death of Brother Walker.

The subscriptions came in steadily, and the size and quality of the paper was improved. In this volume, which was concluded by No. 10, issued in December, 1877, there was begun a number of articles upon the general condition and policy of the fraternity upon the expediency of establishing chapters, and other Beta matters of interest, which did much to create the sentiment which brought the changes of 1879.

Volume V. began with January, 1878, under the same management, and in the April number Don A. Garwood, Michigan, '81, presented certain arguments in favor of publishing the fraternity constitution, and precipitated

a discussion upon that subject which lasted a year and more.

No. 6, and the last published at Monmouth, closed with a list of three hundred paid subscriptions. This final number contained a memorial on the condition of the fraternity, by John S. Goodwin, DePauw, and Denison and Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, which had great influence in shaping the policy of the fraternity.

The convention of 1878, held at Indianapolis, reelected Geo. C. Rankin editor of the journal, but he was unable to serve again, and the presiding chapter at Wittenberg College, Ohio, took charge of the business management, selecting Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, as editor. Brother Robb, thus selected, continued upon the staff of the magazine for many years, giving faithful and enthusiastic service to the fraternity, and service of such a nature as only those who worked with him can properly appreciate. A cover was added for this volume, and its mechanical execution was a trifle improved. The volume opened with a reprint of the minutes of the convention and the report in full of the special committee on the constitution, appointed by the Detroit convention of 1877. This volume, which closed in December, 1878, and Volume VI., which contained six numbers from January to June, 1879, is chiefly interesting from the discussion carried on by the chapters concerning the proposed open publication of the constitution.

An earnest fight, too, to place a chapter in Kenyon

College, took up much space. The chapter letters, were very good. Volume VI. was, upon the whole, the best volume which had as yet been published. Ben. S. Grosscup and H. A. Markel, Wittenberg, '79, were the business managers, and it was dated from Springfield, Ohio.

The fortieth convention was held at Cincinnati in September, 1879, and elected as editors John I. Covington of Miami and Willis O. Robb, Sylvester G. Williams and W. E. Dennison, of Ohio Wesleyan. The first number of Volume VII. was issued from Cincinnati in October, and showed improvement. It was a forty page, double-column monthly, and was edited with ability that would have done credit to many older periodicals. The business management was improved, and vigorous work was expended in increasing the subscription list. Besides the full report of the convention, the October number contained a list of the conventions of the fraternity by the historiographer, the constitution of the fraternity, and a new feature in the addition of a column of news items concerning fraternities other than Beta Theta Pi.

In the second number of this volume the editors began the publication of a series of letters written by the Betas of various chapters to each other in the early days of the fraternity. These letters contain much historical data, which is thus preserved to the fraternity. The number also contained an account of the last official acts of the fraternity of Alpha Sigma Chi, which in October

had become an integral part of the Beta Theta Pi. A successful effort was made to increase the "personal" department of the paper. The April number, 1880, contained extracts from the journals of one or two other fraternities, and properly credited the information—then a new departure in fraternity journalism.

Vol. VIII., No. 1, was issued in October, 1880, under the care of the same board of editors excepting Walter Dennison, who had moved to California. The first number, containing the account of the Baltimore convention, was a brilliant one, though the changes in chapter nomenclature made by the convention was the cause of many minor typographical errors. In the November number, a list of missing Betas which the catalogue committee had been unable to find was published, and an article defining the fraternity status of the founders of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity who were also members of Psi chapter at Bethany College.

The January number for 1881 contained the complete subscription list. In February, the editors continued the publication of old correspondence. In May, specimen pages of the catalogue of 1881, with a *fac simile* of the poster to be used by Alpha chapter in connection with its list were published. The volume closed with the June number. The editors had published 228 pages of reading matter, and the journal had in every way been better than before.

Volume IX. opened with the September number, and continued under the same editorial management, with

the addition of William Raimond Baird, Stevens, '78. The doings of the Chicago convention completely filled the number, which contained 48 pages of matter. A new cover<sup>1</sup> was adopted for this volume. In October the editors added a directory of all the lawyers in the fraternity, a feature which was continued for some two years.

The November number contained an editorial which, in its ultimate effect, has had a great and constantly increasing influence upon the fraternity world; we quote:

The Chicago convention adopted a resolution<sup>2</sup> instructing the board of directors to take what action might seem to them advisable to secure the coöperation of the leading college fraternities in a movement to discourage and abolish the practice of forming combinations for political purposes as to college elections. \* \* \* The novel feature of the resolution is its introduction of the idea of coöperation with other fraternities. If carried into execution, this would be, we think, the first attempt yet made to obtain common action by different and rival

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<sup>1</sup>The design for this cover except for the title of the magazine in the central panel was copied from a German work on ancient history published at Leipsic. It is quite appropriate to its original purpose but not very suitable for the use to which it was transferred.

<sup>2</sup>The resolution was suggested by W. C. Ransom, of Michigan, moved by E. J. Brown, of Hanover, and seconded by H. M. Atkinson, of the University of Virginia, and the full text of it is as follows:

WHEREAS, The Beta Theta Pi fraternity has for many years set its face as a flint, and has even incorporated an article in its constitution, in opposition to combinations as a fraternity for the purpose of effecting elections to college offices and honors; and

WHEREAS, Such combinations have been recognized as one of the vices of the fraternity system; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Board of Directors be and is hereby instructed to take such measures as may to them seem most advisable, to secure the coöperation of the leading college fraternities in a movement to discourage and abolish the practice of making combinations for the purpose of effecting elections to college offices and honors.

Supported by E. J. Brown.

college societies: Everybody who has given the matter any attention knows that the last few years have been marked by an increasing friendliness of disposition among the several general fraternities, and all true friends of the fraternity system have rejoiced at the fact. That action in concert upon matters of common interest may be looked for as one of the incidents of the near future in the fraternity world can hardly be doubted. Indeed, we look forward with confidence to a not distant time when an ecumenical conference of fraternity men will be held and arrangements made which will greatly strengthen the good feeling now developing so rapidly.

We may add that while this coöperation was never formally secured by the Board of Directors, yet it settled the policy of the fraternity, and encouraged other similar societies to take a stand against a growing evil.

The December, 1881, number followed up this suggestion by an editorial, written by W. O. Robb, of Ohio Wesleyan, entitled a "Pan-Hellenic Council," in which he swept away objections to the proposed council, and then, after stating many and good reasons why such a conference would be beneficial, named several topics which he deemed proper subjects for discussion at such a meeting. This editorial was widely copied and commented upon by the fraternity press.

Articles upon prominent American colleges, begun in the first number of this volume, continued to be issued during this volume and the next.

The December number announced the completion of the catalogue of 1881 and contained an analytical list of the Betas who had become prominent in various ways. The



March number contained a condensed list of college fraternities, with their chapters, membership, etc., and an article called "Greek Accents," describing the exchange system then recently adopted among the journals of the several fraternities. The volume closed with an appeal to attend the Cincinnati convention. During the year the magazine had made considerable progress in establishing friendly relations with rival Greek orders, while it had continued to advance in other lines.

Volume X. commenced with October, 1882, and with a changed management. John I. Covington, Miami, '71, and Sylvester G. Williams, Ohio Wesleyan, '77, were made managing directors. Four literary editors—Willis O. Robb, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, William C. Sprague, Denison, '81, Charles M. Hepburn, Virginia, '80, and William R. Baird—were selected, and two business managers—Frank M. Joyce, DePauw, '82, and Edw. W. Runyan, Ohio Wesleyan, '82—were entrusted with the duty of supervising the publication. The legal directory was cut down to the names of those who were actually paying for the privilege of being enrolled in it.

An able article upon the "prep" question,<sup>1</sup> by William A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79, was a feature of the November number, and in this number the General

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<sup>1</sup>By the "prep" question was meant the question whether the fraternity would continue to initiate students in the sub-freshman or preparatory classes of the colleges. In the absence of high schools such preparatory departments were universally maintained and "prep" students were for many years counted as part of the student body.

Secretary also introduced a "calendar" of events to the attention of the fraternity.

In December, the General Secretary began the publication of the names of all the members initiated since the convention of 1881. In January, the editors sent the following letter to the editors of the several fraternity journals:

THE BETA THETA PI.

CINCINNATI, O., *January 13, 1881.*

DEAR SIR—A suggestion made not long ago by a writer in the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, as to a meeting of fraternity editors, has met with very general favor. It has seemed to many that such a meeting might prove to be the best method of preparing the way for the widely discussed Pan-Hellenic Council, as well as to afford a means of arriving at an understanding upon many points of interest to the editors of fraternity papers and fraternities at large.

Having waited in vain for some of its co-laborers in the field of fraternity journalism to take the initiative in this movement, the *Beta Theta Pi*, by virtue rather of its seniority in age than of any other claim to leadership, ventures to submit the following propositions to the several fraternity organs:

*First*—That a meeting of fraternity editors be held on Thursday, February 22, 1883, at New York, Philadelphia or Washington, as the majority of the papers may prefer.

*Second*—That, inasmuch as the discussion of a plan for a Pan Hellenic Council will be one of the prominent objects of the meeting, invitations be sent to the several fraternities of the country to send representatives to the conference. It seems advisable to make this or some similar provision, since several fraternities have already appointed committees of coöperation with respect to the proposed Pan-Hellenic Council; and in any discussion of that subject these fraternities should, of course,

be represented by the committees of their own choosing, rather than by their editors, or other members; and such fraternities as have neither editors nor committees of coöperation (in which number are several of the best orders in the country) can also have secured to them in this way a representation in the Pan-Hellenic Council. Of course, this would not interfere with the holding of separate sessions by the fraternity editors present, to discuss matters of interest to them alone.

You are requested, therefore, to transmit to this office, *immediately*, notice of your approval or disapproval of the date named above, and of your preference among the places of meeting suggested. Also, your opinion as to the second proposition—the inviting of others than editors to the gathering. Suggestions are asked upon any points that occur to you.

We will take the responsibility of executing the wishes of the majority of the brethren of the fraternity press, and will immediately notify you of the details of the plan, as determined by your votes.

Fraternally yours,

*The Editors of the Beta Theta Pi.*

This was followed in February by the following letter, and on February 22nd the fraternity meeting was actually held at Philadelphia.

THE BETA THETA PI EDITORIAL ROOMS, }  
5 W. Third St., Cincinnati, O., Feb. 10, 1883. }

*Dear Sir*—The editors of the several fraternity journals (the *Star and Crescent* of Alpha Delta Phi; the *Chi Phi Quarterly*, the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, the *Crescent* of Delta Tau Delta, the *Sigma Chi*, the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, and the *Beta Theta Pi*) have arranged for a conference, to be held at the Colonnade Hotel, Philadelphia, February 22, 1883, at 11 a. m. One of the subjects to be discussed is the widely-mooted inter-fraternity or Pan-Hellenic Council; and it is hoped that details of a plan

for such a council (to be held in, say, two years) may be agreed upon at the conference of the 22nd, ready for submission to the several fraternities at their next annual conventions. The editors above named would like to have representatives of as many fraternities as possible meet with them at the time and place given, for a discussion of this project. It will, of course, be a purely informal meeting, and no fraternity will, in any way, be bound by its results; but it is hoped that you will see that your fraternity has at least one fraternity member present (besides its editor, if it has one), to consult with those of other orders upon the subject named. As the time is short, it need not be considered necessary to have your grand chapter appoint a delegate with special powers, but if you will kindly select, as General Secretary, a member of your order who can conveniently be at the meeting, every purpose of this call will be served. Please notify the undersigned of your action, if you see fit to take any.

Very respectfully,

*The Editors of the Beta Theta Pi.*

The January number contained an editorial on the relations of a fraternity man to his college, and a review of the "Secret Society System," both of which articles were copied by nearly the entire fraternity press.

The March number contained an account of the Pan-Hellenic meeting at Philadelphia, and an article entitled "Our Constitutional Development," showing the changes in our law from 1839 to 1865. The *Beta Theta Pi*, having been drowned out by a flood at Cincinnati, gave its readers a picture of the condition of the city during its submergence.

The objects of alumni chapters and a consideration of the fraternity fight at Purdue<sup>1</sup> take up much of the

space of the April number, and a review of the Psi Upsilon *Diamond* justly satirized that unfortunate periodical.

The June, 1883, number, closing Volume X., presents an account of General Secretary Wambaugh's trip to the eastern chapters, an account of Saratoga, for the benefit of convention-goers, and a tabulated record of the membership of the fraternity in the Federal and Confederate armies during the war.

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<sup>1</sup> This was a litigation begun by a student at Purdue who had been excluded from the university because he was a member of Sigma Chi. At first admission was denied him but the decision was reversed on appeal. For a full account of the case see *American College Fraternities* 6th Ed., p. 464.



## CHAPTER X.

### *The Beta Theta Pi Magazine—Second Decade.*

Volume XI. was under a new management. John I. Covington, Miami, '71, and William F. Boyd, Ohio, '66, were managing directors, Chambers Baird, Harvard, '82 was editor-in-chief, and with him were associated Wm. R. Baird, Stevens, '78, and Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, while Marshall P. Drury, Knox, '70, Edward L. Martin, DePauw, '84, and Samuel S. Kauffman, Wittenberg, '83, were made business managers. The volume opened with the number for October, 1883, which contained a good account of the Saratoga convention, of the inception of the plan of Chas. J. Seaman, Denison, '71, for establishing an alumni club and summer resort, which later developed into the Wooglin enterprise, the address in full of Chancellor Charles N. Sims, DePauw, '59, made before the convention, the response of Major Ransom to the address of welcome, and a good article by Sylvester G. Williams, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, on the future of the fraternity. The usual number of chapter letters, personals and fraternity notes conclude the number. The November number contained the convention poem, a biographical sketch of Gov.

Hoadly, a long literary article on the first Latin Renaissance, a sketch of Harvard, and the first suggestion of uniting the chapter letters into an annual, by William C. White, Hampden-Sidney, '80.

In December, under the title of "Fraternity Studies,"<sup>1</sup> William R. Baird, Stevens, '78, contributed the first of a series of articles on the fraternity, which continued through seven numbers; the Harvard articles were concluded, and another literary article, entitled, "A Fragment of Roman History," appeared. A discussion was also commenced regarding the questions of large and small chapters, and killing or nursing weak ones. In this number appeared the first chapter letter from the Amherst chapter, which was instituted October 12, 1883, by initiating the members of the Torch and Crown, a local society organized by members of the class of 1881-'82, and a letter announcing the repeal of the anti-fraternity laws of Vanderbilt University. The number concluded with the statistics attached to the secretary's report at the convention.

The January, 1884, number contained an article entitled, "Out of the World," by Chambers Baird, Harvard, '82, detailing the experiences of a visit to Minot's Ledge light house. The number also contained a good series of editorials and fraternity notes. In the February number appeared an article on "The Revolutionary Treaty with France," by Wm. B. Burnet, Iowa, '79. Also, the

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<sup>1</sup> These articles were developed into this present book.



first announcement of the Wooglin club, with a map and a commendatory notice by the editor. The March number contained an article on Princeton, by F. M. Walker. Martin H. Albin, Randolph-Macon, wrote a letter furthering the plan of sending out the annual letter of the chapter in a special number of the magazine.

In April appeared an article on "Religion and Secret Societies," by Solon Louer, Western Reserve, '86; in May, one by John I. Covington, on the graves of Goldsmith and Gray, near London, and "Through the Annisquam River," by Chambers Baird. These, with an article in the June number, entitled, "From College Training into Intellectual Life," comprised the literary articles of the volume. A formal account of the installation of the Vanderbilt chapter, and the articles of incorporation of the alumni club, were contained in the April number.

Volume XII. contained six numbers, having been changed to a bi-monthly. It still displayed the "Owl and Dragon" cover. Willis O. Robb was the editor; Francis W. Shepardson, Chambers Baird and William R. Baird were associates, and Frank M. Joyce, DePauw, '82, was business manager. An unusual amount of news from other fraternities was a feature of the volume, and it was made notable by three pieces of fiction which were widely copied, and excited general commendation; viz, "Grif's Candidate,"<sup>1</sup> November, 1884;

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<sup>1</sup> So far as is known to the editor this was the first fictitious story dealing with a fraternity subject ever written.

"His Second Degree," January, 1885, and the "Minutes of the Diogenes Club," the latter, by Syl. G. Williams, being continued in desultory fashion, through three volumes. The management in November announced that purely literary articles would no longer be printed, and this has continued to be the rule. In November appeared the report of the committee on alumni chapters, with the model set of by-laws for such chapters. A good department of chapter letters was also maintained, and there were articles of excellence reviewing the Psi Upsilon *Epitome* and the "History of Omega chapter of Sigma Chi" and upon the University of Rochester, the latter by William C. Sheppard, Denison, '85. The number for July, 1885, contained an index to the first eleven volumes of the magazine, from December, 1872, to June, 1884, by William A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79. The social life of the fraternity was emphasized by an article on "Life at Wooglin-on-Chautauqua" in the September number, and an illustrated article on the alumni club in the July number. On the whole, this volume reached a high level. During this year it was easily the leader of the Greek press, and worthily maintained its supremacy.

Volume XIII., under the management of Eugene Wambaugh, Ohio Wesleyan, '75, as editor-in-chief, with Francis W. Shepardson, William C. Sprague, Denison, '81, and Richard L. Fearn, Stevens, '84, as associates, and Frank M. Joyce as business manager, opened with the number for September, 1885. The outward appear-

ance of the magazine was changed, a plain blue cover being substituted for the brown owl and dragon. The volume consisted of ten numbers, and it appeared with regularity. Notable articles were on Miami University, by Charles M. Hepburn, Virginia, '80, whose father (Andrew D. Hepburn, Jefferson, '51) had for many years been a professor at the university, *apropos* of the re-opening of the institution; "Betas in Public Life," by Chas. B. Ketcham, DePauw, '80, the announcement of whose death was contained in the number succeeding that in which his article was printed, and two stories in the January number, dealing with problems of undergraduate fraternity life, under the headings, "A Prodigal at Commersly," and "Another Prodigal." The May number also contained some notes on the inactive chapters at Monmouth and Chicago, by Frank W. Shepardson, Denison, '82.

The February, March and April numbers were combined in one, under the title, "Hand-Book of 1886." It was compiled by the editor, Eugene Wambaugh, and contained 14 pages of notes upon the history of the fraternity from 1881 to 1885, and a full list of all the members admitted since the convention of 1881, arranged by chapters in the order of their initiation, and prefaced by notes on the colleges in which the several chapters were located. These notes gave sufficient and useful information concerning the college, the different fraternities, and the parts which the members of the chapter had played in general fraternity movements. It concluded

with an alphabetical index and a geographical distribution of the members' names. It was a splendid and successful piece of work, and demonstrated the supreme usefulness of the system of reporting initiations and transfers which had been adopted in 1881.

Volume XIV, 1886-7, was a quarterly—a form which was continued for three years. Chambers Baird was the editor-in-chief, and associated with him were Francis W. Shepardson, William R. Baird, Richard L. Fearn and W. H. Crawshaw, Colgate, '87.

The volume contained no novel features, except the cover was changed to brown, and displayed a small dragon holding the fraternity badge, on its front page. The minutes of the Diogenes Club appeared at irregular intervals. Other articles of interest were an account of the academic fraternity of A  $\Phi$ , and full accounts of banquets at Boston, Baltimore, and Denver, the reunion of Ohio Betas, and the formation of a state organization, and the dinner tendered to Governor Hoadly by the Betas of New York City. The quarterly form presented unusually good opportunities for the preparation of editorials and the gathering of chapter letters, and they were made the most of. The volume closed with No. 4, dated June, 1887.

Volume XV., still in the quarterly form, and unchanged in style and management, commenced in 1887. Chambers Baird, however, was obliged to give up his position as editor for private reasons, and the other numbers, which were issued in January, April and June,

1888, were under the management of Charles M. Hepburn as editor-in-chief, with Chambers Baird, Francis W. Shepardson and Richard Lee Fearn as associates. Frank W. Burgoyne, Wooster, '86, was business manager during the year. The chapter letters were full and interesting, and the editorials quite up to the usual mark; but there were few personals and little news. The quarterly form seemed to have developed the literary at the expense of the news character of the journal. Articles that may be noted were on "The Chicago Betas," "Extension in the Great West," and the "Southern California Reunion," in the January number; a letter from the janitor of the Diogenes Club in the April number, and Betas in the "Methodist General Conference," in the June number. The poetry in this volume was unusually plentiful and good.

Volume XVI. was issued in October, 1888, and January, April and September, 1889, and showed little change in style or matter from the preceding volume. The editorial board was the same, except that Chambers Baird retired, and was succeeded by Franklin M. Welsh; Dickinson, '88.

Volumes XV. and XVI. each contained few items of information concerning other fraternities, and the *Beta Theta Pi* did not exchange with other fraternity journals during these years. The October number (1888) contained the sermon delivered before the convention by Rev. George W. F. Birch, Washington and Jefferson, '58, of New York, entitled a "Model Beta," and an ar-

ticle on the Betas in the Fiftieth Congress, which is somewhat remarkable for including a notice of Senator Charles J. Faulkner,<sup>1</sup> who is not a Beta. The January number contained two articles in similar strain—"Beta Governors," by Albert H. Washburn, Cornell, '79, and "Betas at the Battle of New Market," by Richard L. Fearn, Stevens, '84. The death of Hon. David Linton, one of the founders of the fraternity, is noted in the September (1889) number, and the volume concluded with both a general and personal index.

Volume XVII., still under the guidance of Charles M. Hepburn, reverted to the monthly form, and consisted of eight numbers, from October, 1889, to June, 1890. Chambers Baird was again added to the staff, which was increased to six associates by the further addition of Frank H. Scott, Northwestern, '77, and George Hoskins, Boston, '90. The change in frequency of issue also involved a change in style and matter, but the magazine was maintained on its previous high plane. The brown cover was retained, but the badge and dragon was enlarged, and the table of contents removed to the inside page. This volume also added a department of college news, and a decidedly newsy and timely character was imparted to its articles; the personals were more numerous and exhaustive, and the department of

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<sup>1</sup> This was due to the fact that Senator Faulkner had a cousin of precisely the same name who was a Beta. We recall at one time before the mistake was known that Senator Faulkner was invited to attend a Beta dinner at Washington and as he afterwards expressed himself was "almost persuaded that he actually had made a mistake and had been a Beta in college," so earnestly was the invitation extended to him.

fraternity news was strengthened and enlarged. To the title of the January number was added, "With which has been united the *Mystic Messenger*," in token of the union of the Mystical Seven with the fraternity. This number also contained articles upon the Mystical Seven and its history, and was prefaced by a steel-plate engraving of its customary emblems. During the year, articles were printed on the founding of the chapter at the University of Minnesota, the legal fraternity of  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ , "The Earliest Beta Song Book;" "A Welcome to  $\Sigma \Delta \Pi$ ," upon the occasion of establishing a chapter at Dartmouth with the members of a local society of that name; "The Providence Betas," "Some Facts for a Contemporary," sharply exposing a misleading statement of the  $\Delta T \Delta$  Journal concerning the number of its eastern chapters; "Eastern Betaism, as Viewed by a Western Beta," and "Betas in the Fifty-first Congress." The June number contained as a frontispiece a half-tone picture of the clubhouse at Wooglin.

Volume XVIII., for 1890-91, was issued in seven regular numbers, in the same style as the preceding volume, and one extra number, called "June-July, 1891," which was in effect an advertisement of the coming convention, and was bound in a dainty blue cover. There was no change in the management. This volume showed a more careful arrangement of material and a stricter classification than theretofore. Several of the numbers contained short timely articles on educational topics—"The Teaching of literature," by Prof. Thos. R. Price, Vir-

ginia, '58; "A Revolution in University Methods," by Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82; "The Student's Vocation in China," by W. A. P. Martin, Indiana, '46; and "The University of Chicago," by William D. Fullerton, Northwestern, '85. And there were others on fraternity topics: "Honorary Membership," "Superstitions," "Some Recent Fraternity Clubs," "University and Fraternity Clubs," and "The Naval Academy Chapter." The first number, in October, 1890, contained the scholarly, broadminded address on "Fraternal Humanity," delivered before the 51st convention by Willis O. Robb, and the poem by Willis Boughton, Michigan, '81; and it also contained "A Word About the Convention," by John Reily Knox, certainly a unique contribution by the founder of the fraternity 51 years after its foundation.

An article entitled "A Mystical Union," in this same number, correctly outlined the real relations between the Mystical Seven fraternity and our own, which, with deft malice, had been misrepresented by the fraternity press, led by the *Quarterly* of Δ K E.

Number 5 in this volume was devoted to an account of the great dinner given to Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, and the Beta banquets at Boston, Chicago, Syracuse and Newark, O.

This volume contained 448 octavo pages, and was the largest in that respect issued to that date.

It was decided at the convention of 1891, that the price of the magazine was too low, and it was according-



ly raised to \$2 per annum, a concession of \$1 being made to Betas who had been out of college three years or less.

Volume XIX., for 1891-92, consisted of six regular and two special numbers. The former were bound in a gray paper cover, displaying the dragon and shield, printed in brown or blue; the latter were bound in the cover adopted for No. 8 of the previous volume. The special numbers were the minutes of the 52nd convention, and the annual letters of the chapters bound into one pamphlet, thus realizing the dream of fraternity workers ten years before. The two special numbers were edited by the General Secretary, and the regular numbers by the editor-in-chief, who continued in office without associates, and acted as his own business manager.

This volume contained an innovation in the adoption of illustrations, consisting of half-tone plates scattered through the text.

The first number, issued in October, 1891, contained the address delivered before the convention, "Our Debt to Mediocrity," by Rev. J. Calvin Kauffman, Wittenberg, '72, and the convention poem, by James T. Hatfield, Northwestern, '83 and several articles depicting various phases of life at Wooglin.

The remaining numbers of the year contained a very large number of small articles of from 300 to 500 words, on a great variety of topics, fraternal and otherwise. The most noteworthy, perhaps, were those on "Rutgers College," by Louis F. Ruf, Rutgers, '85, "Beta Eta," by

Robert H. Fernald, Maine, '92, the "Fraternalities at the World's Fair," by L. R. Fearn, and "Recollections of Early College Days in Ohio," by Henry Beard, of the old Cincinnati chapter.

The dinner tendered to John W. Noble, Secretary of the Interior, by the Betas of New York City, and banquets and reunions at Boston, Galesburg, Ill., and Columbus, Ohio, also received attention.

The number for May, 1892, in reality closed the volume, though the chapter annuals were issued later.

Volume XX., for 1892-93, under the same management, consisted of seven regular and two special numbers, the latter being the convention minutes and chapter annuals. The cover on the regular numbers was changed to a light blue paper printed with dark blue ink, and to many its appearance was not so pleasing as that of the preceding volumes. The feature of short illustrated articles was continued, and, as before, much space was given to college as contrasted with purely fraternity topics. The first number, as usual, contained the convention poem which was by Sam W. Foss, Brown, '82. It also had biographical sketches of Charles H. Hardin, Governor of Missouri, and one of the founders of the fraternity, who died in July, 1892, and of W. C. Ransom, of Michigan. During the year, a number of articles on college topics appeared: "The University of Chicago," by F. W. Shepardson, who had been appointed a professor at the reorganized institution; "University of Leipsic," by Otis H. Fisk, Yale, '92; "A Sketch of the

Colegate Chapter," by W. H. Crawshaw, Colgate, '87; "Pioneer Colleges in Ohio," by Willis Boughton, Michigan, '81; "Pensylvania State College," by Henry T. Fernald, Maine, and "Kenyon," by E. M. Benedict, Kenyon," '85. The articles on Kenyon and Chicago foreshadowed the revival of the chapters at those institutions. In addition, there was an article on "Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania," by H. Walton Mitchell, Pennsylvania State, '90; "A Calendar of Fraternity Events," in the first number, and much information scattered all through the year concerning the proposed fraternity exhibit at the World's Fair at Chicago.

Dinners and reunions in New York, Washington, Boston and Nashville received due attention, and during the year there were many editorials upon the relative powers and duties of the Board of Directors and the newly created Executive Committee.

During the year there was much dissatisfaction with the management of the magazine among the chapters. Its form, style and tone were all the subject of adverse criticism and this resulted in a complete change in its control at the convention of 1893.



## CHAPTER XI.

### *The Beta Theta Pi Magazine—To the present time.*

Volume XXI for 1893-94 consisted of six regular and two special numbers, the latter being the minutes of the convention and the chapter annuals. This arrangement has been continued ever since. This volume and the succeeding twelve volumes were printed at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, but were edited from New York City. The name of James T. Brown, Cornell '76 appeared in this volume as Business Manager. The name of Frank M. Rooney, Syracuse, '90 appeared as Editor on the first two numbers only. Owing to a difference between them, the business manager assumed the title and responsibilities of Editor. As a matter of fact all of the numbers of this volume and of the succeeding volumes to date have been edited by William R. Baird. The form of the magazine was changed. A heavy paper with a natural finish was employed and several illustrations on smooth paper and printed in colored ink were added. A new and pleasing cover was adopted. It was printed on pearl gray paper in reddish brown ink. The design embodied a shield displaying quarterings upon which were emblazoned three roses, seven seven-

pointed stars and three diamonds, the whole being surrounded by a wreath.

The first number contained half-tone portraits in color of Judge Harlan and Senator Voorhees and an article on the "Parting of the Ways," relating to the choice of a fraternity, and describing distinguishing characteristics of a number of the fraternities. It also contained an article on "The American College Fraternity System" by John I. Covington and a reprint of the essay on the "Legal Status of the Fraternities" read by William R. Baird before the college fraternity congress at Chicago in July, 1893. In the second number, the frontispiece was a reproduction of the map which long hung upon the parlor wall of the Wooglin Club house showing the division of the fraternity into districts and the location of the different chapters. There was a well illustrated article in this number upon Washington and Jefferson College by Prof. Joseph Waugh, '57. It was the first of a long series of illustrated articles descriptive of nearly every institution in which a chapter of the fraternity is located. An account of the College Fraternity Congress at Chicago also appeared in this number.

During the rest of the year there were biographical articles with portraits relating to Hon. Edwin H. Terrell, General John B. Gordon, Justice David J. Brewer, Bishop Charles H. Fowler of the Methodist church, of the members of the Executive committee, Messrs. Hanna, Thornburg and Jones and of each of the nine District chiefs. Other notable contributions were "The

**Sour Apple**" by Charles N. Ironside (X Φ, Rutgers '79) **Fraternity Journalism as an Aid in Fraternity Government**" by Charles M. Hepburn, Virginia, '81; **"The University of Pennsylvania,"** illustrated, by Prof. Julian Millard, Michigan '89; **"Knox College,"** illustrated, by George E. Stephens, Knox '94; **"University Extension and Beta Theta Pi"** by Francis W. Shepardson; **"The Fraternity and Conscience"** by Willis O. Robb, and two fine articles, one **"Dickinson College,"** by Clyde B. Furst, Dickinson, '93, and another, **"Dickinson Vignettes"** by Robert E. MacAlarney, Dickinson, '93, describing that college and its life. A dinner given in March, 1894, to John I. Covington by the Chicago Alumni received ample treatment.

In addition there were the usual editorials, personals and chapter letters. The editorials ceased, however, to relate chiefly to the functions and powers of the Board of Directors and the Executive committee and treated more particularly of fraternity methods, aims, and principles. The installation of the Lambda Rho at the revived University of Chicago furnished the topic for a suitable article and there was published in one number under the title **"Twenty Years of the Beta Theta Pi"** a complete list of each number of the Magazine, giving its date, place of publication and under whose direction it had been issued.

Volume XXII for 1894-95 had the usual number of issues. The color of the cover was changed to brown and buff. In the first issue, that of October, 1894, there

was a portrait group of the convention, the first of the series which have since been presented annually. During the year the illustrated college articles were "The University of Indiana," by Will H. Kelly, '94; "The University of Iowa," by James A. Rohbach, Western Reserve, '84, and "DePauw University," by George E. Dee, DePauw, '95. This volume had an unusual number of biographical articles with portraits, including six federal judges, Alonzo J. Edgerton, Wesleyan, '50, Horace H. Lurton, Cumberland, '67, Peter S. Grosscup, Wittenberg, '72, Henry S. Priest, Westminster, '72, John W. Showalter, Ohio, '67 and William M. Springer, Indiana, '58; also Samuel Walter Foss, Brown, '82, the poet, John Young Brown, Centre, '55, Governor of Kentucky, Milton Remley, Iowa, '67, Attorney General of Iowa. A portrait and biography of John I. Covington, lately deceased, appeared in the May number.

Among the general articles were two by William C. Sheppard, Denison, '84, "A Chapter House—how to build it and pay for it," and an "Ideal Chapter House:" also a discussion of the new spirit of conservatism in the fraternity participated in by Robert W. Dunn, Michigan, '95, and Edward R. Hardy, Boston, '93, a brilliant essay on "Shoots," by C. N. Ironside, (X Φ) a companion piece to the "Sour Apple" of the preceding volume, an article on "The Alumnus and the Fraternity" by Harrie M. Humphrey, Wittenberg, '89, an unusually good piece of fiction "Jerrem's Fraternity" by Robert E. MacAlarney, Dickinson, '93, and a pathetic and interesting story of



"A Lost Beta Badge" told by Francis W. Shepardson. Another contribution of value was an interview with Samuel Taylor Marshall, Miami, '40, by George W. Barr, DePauw, '80, in which the founders of the fraternity are characterized by a few vivid pen portraits. On the whole this volume reached a high level.

Volume XXIII for 1895-96 had a new cover in a pleasing shade of light yellow green with title printed in dark green ink and a central panel in gold displaying the badge surrounded by floral emblems. The illustrated college articles related to "Pennsylvania State" by H. Walton Mitchell, Pennsylvania State, '90, "Colgate University" by William B. Kelsey, '97, "Beloit College" by Edward H. Porter, Beloit, '96. "Bethany College" by Everett W. McDiarmid, Bethany, '95, and "Missouri State University" by Antoine E. Russell, Missouri, '98. Illustrated biographical articles related to Samuel T. Marshall, Miami, '40, Isaac N. Himes, Jefferson, '55, William T. Elmer, Wesleyan, '58, Alonzo P. Carpenter, Williams, '49, John Hopkins, Dartmouth, '62, Hobart A. Hare, Pennsylvania, '84, Peter T. Austen, Rutgers, '83, and William Wright Jaggard, Dickinson, '77. An article on "Our Athletic Record" by James A. McCague, of the New York University group of petitioners, also contained several portraits.

Several articles on strictly fraternity topics were also presented: "Shall Beta Theta Pi be Governed through a Corporation"; "The Chapter, the Chapter House and the Point of View," by Willis O. Robb; "The Chapter

House System;" "A Plea for Simplicity in our Administrative Methods;" "Catalogue Making and Its Difficulties," and the Genesis of Alpha Sigma Chi," by Herman C. Weber, Rutgers, '95, may be noted. "The Geographical Distribution of Chapters" was a condensed arrangement of the men's fraternities according to location showing some unexpected results. "The Acid Test of Culture," by Willis O. Robb, was a caustic criticism of some supercilious statements in the unofficial periodical of  $\Psi$   $\Upsilon$ . "A Beta Family" showed the devotion of the Goodwin family of Indiana to the fraternity, and "My Idea of Fraternity" by Governor Bates of Massachusetts was a scholarly presentation of some ideals.

An article of general interest was upon the "True Greatness of American Citizenship," by Mr. Justice Brewer. But one piece of fiction was in this volume, "Colville's Beta Girl," by A. N. Slayton, Kenyon, '96. There was also a picture of the loving cup presented to John Reily Knox upon the occasion of his golden wedding.

Volume XXIV for 1896-'97 was issued with the same cover design as the preceding volume, but it was printed in gold on a creamy white background. The first number was pre-eminently a convention number and contained the address on "The Fraternity as an Element of National Unity," by John S. Wise, Virginia, '67, delivered at the convention, and the convention poem. "The Legend of Wooglin," by Francis H. Sisson, also several

articles illustrating life at the White Sulphur Springs and the social side of the convention of 1896.

The college articles during the year were "Ohio Wesleyan University," by Frank C. Goodrich, Ohio Wesleyan, '98, accompanied by "Notes on Theta Chapter" by Willis O. Robb; "St. Lawrence University" by George Eliot Cooley, St. Lawrence, '97, and the "University of Mississippi" by John L. Lovett, Mississippi, '96. Biographical articles with portraits were presented relating to John S. Wise, Virginia, '67; David R. Francis Washington, '70, recently elected Governor of Missouri; Earl Cranston, Ohio, '61, elected a Methodist Bishop; Matthew Stanley Quay, Jefferson, '50, and Boies Penrose, Harvard, '89, Senators from Pennsylvania; Bishops George H. Kinsolving, Virginia, '70, of Virginia, Davis Sessums, Virginia, '79, of Louisiana, and Henry M. Jackson, V. M. I., '73, of Alabama, of the Episcopal church; William D. Bynum, Indiana, '69, Chairman of the National Democratic Committee; John Clarence Lee, St. Lawrence, '76, president of his alma mater; John Lewis Bates, '82, Governor of Massachusetts; Joseph L. Rawlins, Indiana, '74, Senator from Utah, Gen. George B. Wright, of Ohio; Levi Travers Dashiell, Texas, '98, speaker of the Texas Legislature, and of two deceased members, Warrington K. L. Warwick, Kenyon, '84, one of the trustees of the fraternity, and Senator Voorhees.

In addition, there were two articles upon the history of the Denison Chapter by Francis W. Shepardson, Den-

ison, '82, one entitled "A Study of Beginnings," and the other "Stories from Alpha Eta's History," carefully illustrated. Also, "Early Days in Lambda Chapter" by Major Ransom, a study of "The Fraternity Badge" by Francis H. Sisson, a careful essay on "The College Bred Man in Business" by Willis O. Robb, and an article on the "Betas at West Point" by Henry B. Clark, Beloit, '95.

The pieces of fiction in the volume were "At the Eleventh Hour" by Arthur H. Quinn, Pennsylvania, '94, a variation on one of Kipling's stories, and two stories by Miss Margarette Muhlenberg Perkins, a Beta Girl, one entitled "Her Fraternity Honor," and the other "The Chance of Reprieve."

Volume XXV for 1897-98 appeared in a new cover of purple on white with a border made up of a repeated torch and wreath and a central panel under the title line of the fraternity name in Greek, and three stars surrounded by a wreath of roses.

The College articles were on "Wesleyan University" by Olin W. Hill, Wesleyan, '96, "Hanover, College" by Henry Herbert Thompson, Hanover, '98, "Kansas University" by Webster Wilder, Kansas, '98, "Stevens Institute" and "Yale College" by the editor, and the "University of Maine" by Ralph K. Jones, Maine, '86. One number was almost entirely given up to the account of the funeral of John Reily Knox and articles concerning him, the most notable of which was "The Man and his Monument" by Willis O. Robb, expressing aptly the love and reverence felt by the fraternity for its founder and

oldest brother. The biographical articles related to Jerome H. Raymond, Northwestern, '92, president of the University of West Virginia, Webster Davis, Kansas, '88, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, William A. Hamilton, Willis O. Robb, and three undergraduates who won oratorical distinction during the year.

Other articles were "Design for a Chapter Lodge" by Julian Millard, Michigan, '89, "How to get a Chapter House" by T. Alfred Vernon ( $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , Yale, '75), "The Chapter Letter—a Criticism and Complaint" by Edwin R. Hardy, Boston, '93, and "Spikes" by Major Ransom, contrasting the campaign methods of his own day with present day methods.

Reminiscences in two articles by Willis O. Robb, "The Mission of the Small College" by Francis H. Sisson, and an article by the editor on "Fraternity Catalogues, with some recent Examples," completed the volume.

During this year a marked improvement in the Chapter letters took place, probably the result of Brother Hardy's article above referred to.

Volume XXVI for 1898-99 appeared in a new cover of dark green upon light green with a heavy border of roses enclosing the fraternity shield and dragon upon a background of roses. The design was the work of Morris R. Ebersole, Cincinnati, '98, and was quite effective.

The first number, as usual, was largely devoted to the doings of the convention. It contained a portrait of Francis H. Sisson, the new general treasurer, and the

convention poem, "The March of the Ten Thousand," by Willis O. Robb; also articles on "College Fraternities Numerically Compared" and "Chapter Houses Owned by the Men's Fraternities in 1898" by the editor.

The college articles during the year were on "Columbia" and the "University of Minnesota," the latter by Robert M. Thompson, Minnesota, '95. The biographical articles related to Robert W. Miers, Indiana, '72, a member of Congress from Indiana; Townsend Scudder, Columbia, '88, a member of Congress from New York; Robert Bruce F. Pierce, Wabash, '66, a member of Congress from Indiana; Dr. Joseph P. Blanton, Hampden-Sidney, '69, president of the University of Idaho, and Judge Edwin A. Jaggard, Dickinson, '79, of Minneapolis, also on Roy Walter Stover, Iowa, '96, and Nathaniel Brown Adsit, Harvard, '00, who died in the army during the war with Spain.

Other articles during the year were the "Pink and Blue," by Martha A. Boughton; "A Practical Catalogue" by Walter B. Palmer,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ; an illustrated story of "The Fraternity Press" running through two numbers, "The Fraternity in Porto Rico" by Reginald W. Wills, Ohio Wesleyan, '00; "Phi Chapter in the War with Spain," by Frank Julian Warne, Pennsylvania, '96; "Youth and Its Friendships," by Willis O. Robb; "Worth Waiting For," an anonymous piece of fiction, and two reviews, one of the "History of  $\Theta \Delta \chi$ " and the other of "The Cyclopedia of Fraternities." In addition, a discussion of the rights and duties of the District Chiefs was presented

and an account of the suit brought to prevent the withdrawal of the charter of the St. Lawrence chapter of K K Γ.

Volume XXVII for 1899-'00 had a cover printed in gold and blue. The design was a border of the wreath and torch repeated and it enclosed the coat of arms of the fraternity surrounded by a wreath of roses. The volume had many small articles and accounts of district reunions and banquets and a larger number of editorials than usual.

The college articles were on "Brown University" by Russell W. Richmond, Brown, '02; the "University of California" by Willard G. Parsons, California, '00; "Miami University; "Amherst" by Nathaniel L. Goodrich, Amherst, '01; and "Dartmouth" by Louis L. Crone, Dartmouth, '01, and Thaddeus J. Merrill, Dartmouth, '02. The biographical articles related to Warren D. Oakes, DePauw, '95, the new general treasurer, John A. Fitch, Wabash, '63, of Indianapolis, Senator James Harlan, DePauw, '45; Dr. Henry A. Buchtel, DePauw, '72, Chancellor of the University of Denver; David S. Tappan, Miami, '64, president of Miami University and David H. Moore, Ohio, '62, a Methodist Bishop. The first number contained a review of the fraternity catalogue and a subsequent number another review of it copied from the *Scroll* of Φ Δ Θ, under the caption "As Others See Us." The decision on appeal in the K K Γ litigation was reprinted and there was one piece of anonymous fiction, "Jack Roses;" also "A Legend of Wooglin" by George

E. Fitch, Knox, '97, which was an allegorical dream not without some serious lessons.

Volume XXVIII for 1900-'01 appeared with the same cover design printed in dark green on gray green paper. The college articles in this volume were descriptive of "The University of Colorado," "Ohio State University," "Syracuse University" and "Bowdoin College," the latter by John A. Harlow, Bowdoin, '01. Biographical articles related to Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., Bethany, '77, Governor of New York; John W. Yerkes, Centre, '73, Commissioner of Internal Revenue; Dr. W. A. P. Martin, Indiana, '46, the famous Chinese missionary and scholar; Frank M. Joyce, DePauw, '82, a loyal and enthusiastic Beta; Dr. Theodore T. Munger, Western Reserve, '51, author of the "Freedom of Faith," Wallace C. Sabine, Ohio State, '86, professor of physics at Harvard, and Joseph R. Burton, Hanover, '73, recently elected United States Senator from Kansas.

Other articles were "Fraternity Life in the University of Chicago" by Francis W. Shepardson, "A Fraternity Policy," "A Chapter House Episode," "The Miracle of Brotherhood" by Prof. Wm. L. Graves, Ohio State, '93, "Joining a College Fraternity" by William C. Sprague, Denison, '81, and "Coming Back," an anonymous piece of fiction.

This volume also contained adequate accounts of the dinners given at Cincinnati to Bishop David H. Moore, Ohio, '60, of the Methodist Church, as well as dinners at



many other cities, some of which were in connection with district reunions.

Volume XXIX for 1901-'02 had no change in its cover design, but it was printed in dark brown on orange. Besides the usual description of the convention, the first number of the volume contained "A Visit to the Chapters—a Study in Prophecy" by James T. Brown, the business manager, detailing his experiences during an imaginary future visit to the New England Chapters.

The college articles during the year described "Washington University;" "Cornell University," by Samuel P. Hitchcock, Cornell, '01; "The University of Iowa;" "The University of Illinois" by Frank H. Holmes, Knox, '97, and "Washington State University." The biographical articles related to H. Walton Mitchell, Pennsylvania State, '90, newly elected to the board of trustees; Captain Franklin Hanford, Naval Academy, '66, of the Navy; Andrew J. Montague, Richmond, '82, attorney general of Virginia; Ichizo Hattori, Rutgers, '75, governor of Hio-go Ken, Japan; Dr. Ernest J. Lederle, Columbia, '86, Health Commissioner of New York City; Prof. Samuel McCune Lindsay, Pennsylvania, '89, Commissioner of Education of Porto Rico; Charles S. Wheeler, California, '84, a leading lawyer of San Francisco and a regent of the State University, and Rev. George W. F. Birch, Washington & Jefferson, '58, a Presbyterian clergyman of New York City, long active in the councils of the fraternity.

Other articles were "The Fraternity in Athletics,"

"Financing a Chapter House," "Fraternity Examinations" (reprint from the  $\Delta$   $\Upsilon$  Quarterly), "The Bowdoin Chapter House," by John A. Harlow, Bowdoin, '01; "Beta Teachers in the Philippines" by Benjamin E. Neal, Syracuse, '01; "The Ideal Fraternity" by William C. Sprague, Denison, '01, and two pieces of fiction, "The Falling of the Lamb" by Edward W. Mumford, Pennsylvania, '89, and "Noblesse Oblige" by Arthur H. Quinn, Pennsylvania, '94, and "The Scent of the Roses," a response to a banquet toast by Henry A. Williams, Wittenberg, '85. There were also the usual departments, and the volume was several pages larger than before.

Volume XXX for 1902-'03 had a new cover printed in very dark blue on gray paper, with an outside border made of the miniature wreath and torch repeated and with an inside panel displaying the dragon and shield. The illustrated college articles related to "Lehigh University," "Wabash College," the "University of Michigan," the latter by Junius E. Beal, Michigan, '82, and "Stanford University." The biographical articles concerned Elijah E. Hoss, Ohio Wesleyan, '69, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Dr. Watson L. Savage, Amherst, '82, the well known teacher of physical culture; Gen. John Coburn, Wabash, '46, the founder of the Wabash Chapter; Willis Van Devanter, DePauw, '81, appointed U. S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit; Prof. Thomas Randolph Price, Virginia, '58, Professor of English at Columbia, and William H.

Tolman, Brown, '82, president of the American Institute of Social Service. Other articles were "Impressions of the Convention of 1902," by J. Cal Hanna; the "Taxation of Chapter Houses;" "Some Observations of an Alumnus;" the "Songs of the Fraternity," by Francis W. Shepardson, "Chapter Libraries," and "Thoughts Looking Toward Theta," the last named being a delightful piece of reminiscence by Willis O. Robb.

In addition, there were articles describing the newly built chapter houses of the Michigan and Dartmouth Chapters and illustrations showing the Denison Chapter house before and after a disastrous fire. The dinner given to Governors Bates of Massachusetts, Odell of New York and Montague of Virginia at New York was amply described and many other dinners and reunions were noticed. In one number the history of THE BETA THETA PI for thirty years was briefly recounted and was accompanied by a portrait of Charles Duy Walker, the first editor.

Volume XXXI for 1903-'04 showed no change in external appearance. Although its size was increased until when bound it became somewhat unwieldy in bulk, yet the constant pressure of the necessity for printing the chapter letters diminished the room available for other material in this and subsequent volumes.

The college articles presented during the year were "Purdue University," "Northwestern University," "Western Reserve University," the "University of Wisconsin," the "University of Nebraska," and "Wittenberg College,"

the last two by Nate W. Downs, Nebraska, '07, and Norman R. Work, Wittenberg, '06, respectively. Biographical articles related to Prof. Charles A. Young, Western Reserve, '53, the famous astronomer, Melville W. Miller, DePauw, '81, appointed assistant Secretary of the Interior, Edmind G. McGilton, Wisconsin, '83, elected Lieutenant-Governor of Nebraska, and Matthew S. Quay, Jefferson '50, Senator from Pennsylvania.

Other articles were "Educational Experiments in the University of Chicago" by Francis W. Shepardson; "Canada, as a Fraternity Field" by William S. Keller, Ohio Wesleyan, '97, and "Men and Measures—The Question of the Alumni" by Ralph B. Miller, Denison, '86. There were also two pieces of fiction "Inter Frates" by M. LeRoy Arnold, Minnesota, and "J. Remington Victor" by Miss Ruth Leonard. Two articles were reprinted, one from "Success" by Prof. E. B. Andrews, entitled, "If I should go to College Again," and another, "Influence of the College Fraternity," copied from the Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

Volume XXXII for 1904-'05 showed an unchanged cover. It contained an unusual number of editorials, an increase in the number of illustrations and much miscellaneous matter of general fraternity interest under its heading of "The Greek World."

The first number contained an account of the "Sixty-fifth Convention" at St. Louis, by William S. Keller, Ohio Wesleyan, '02, abundantly illustrated, and portraits of James L. Gavin, DePauw, '96, and Robert M. Thomp-

son, Minnesota, '95, chosen to the positions of general treasurer and trustee respectively.

The college articles during the year were "Boston University" by Clarence G. Campbell, Boston, '05, "The University of North Carolina" and "Washington University," the latter by Arno D. Krause, Washington, '05. It contained illustrated articles descriptive of the chapter houses at Yale, Missouri, Maine and Denison, and portraits or biographical articles relating to Charles Roy Nasmith, Colgate, '04, and Norman E. Dole, Stanford, '04, (who had made noticeable records in athletics), Robert R. Stone, Syracuse, '05, captain of the winning crew at the Poughkeepsie Regatta in 1904; the three Betas who were in the first lot of Rhodes scholars from the United States, viz.: Joel M. Johanson, Washington State, '04; Stanley K. Hornbeck, Colorado, '03; and Earl W. Murray, Kansas, '04; Edward Bruce Chandler, Michigan, '58; Prof. William M. Warren, Boston, '83, dean of the college of Liberal Arts at Boston University; Edward C. Stokes, Brown, '83, elected Governor of New Jersey; John H. Patterson, Miami, '67, president of the National Cash Register Company, the Rev. Luther B. Wilson, Dickinson, '75, elected Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. George Ben Johnson, Virginia, '75, president of the American Surgical Association, and Henry St. George Tucker, Washington & Lee, '75, President of the Jamestown Exposition, certainly a list representing many phases of life and spheres of activity.

There was one piece of fiction in this volume, the

"Beta Grip," by Ralph W. Keeler, Wesleyan, '04, and two addresses delivered at banquets, "A Beta in Utopia" by Prof. William L. Graves, Ohio State, '93, and the "General Fraternity," by Walter E. Dennison, Ohio Wesleyan, '79. The banquets described were numerous and important.

The principal topics of editorial discussion were the manner of securing the withdrawal of charters and the problem of the relation of a Beta who leaves his chapter and goes to an institution where there is another chapter, to that second chapter.

Volume XXXIII for 1905-'06 was provided with a new cover, the design of George W. Wienhoeber, Cornell, '00. It was printed in tints of black and dark green upon a light brown back ground and comprised an outer cusped border and an inner stippled border and enclosed the title of the magazine in Greek above the coat of arms. Again the volume was increased in size and again did the editor feel compelled to omit much material of interest.

The college articles concerned "Iowa State College," by Lyman W. Ellis, Iowa State, '07, "Iowa Wesleyan University," by Judson E. Piper, Iowa Wesleyan, '05, "Vanderbilt University" by W. O. Bates, Vanderbilt, '07, and the "University of Pennsylvania." Biographical articles or portraits were printed about Samuel Merwin, Northwestern, '00, a novelist of rising reputation; Charles D. Williams, Kenyon, '80, elected Protestant Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan; Aimaro Sato, DePauw, '81, secretary of the Japanese plenipotentiaries who

negotiated the treaty of Portsmouth, John M. Pattison, Ohio Wesleyan, '69, elected Governor of Ohio; Charles H. Treat, Dartmouth, '65, treasurer of the United States; Robert E. Lewis, Westminster, '80, appointed U. S. District Judge in Colorado; Richard Lee Fearn, Stevens, '84, Louis Garthe, Johns Hopkins, '82, and Frank G. Carpenter, Wooster, '77, three prominent Washington journalists; Stanley E. Gunnison, St. Lawrence, '99, a new trustee of the fraternity, and Eli Burt Parsons, Yale, '07, an athlete of international reputation.

In addition, in the first number of the volume there appeared an account of the "Sixty-sixth Convention" at New York by Charles F. O'Brien, Ohio State, '03, and the "Boys of '39," the convention poem by Samuel Merwin, Northwestern, '00. In other numbers, two articles on "The Kenyon Tragedy," by the editor; "Some Fraternity Impressions," by Francis W. Shepardson, "Our Youthful days," by Ellis Guy Kinkead, Cincinnati, '89, "The High School Fraternity and the College Fraternity," by Francis W. Shepardson, "Old Time Betas," by Willis O. Robb, "Reminiscences of Old Michigan," by Rev. Nathaniel West, Michigan, '46, "the Purchase of a Chapter House," a "Review of the History of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ ," a "Review of the Catalogue of 1905," by J. Cal. Hanna, "What College Students Read;" a description of the house of the Washington State Chapter, a poem, "The Legend of Wooglin," by Robert F. Allen, Boston, '05, and a strong piece of fiction; "Transfer No. 105," by Ralph W. Keeler, Wesleyan, '04.

Volume XXXIV for 1906-'07 was the same in general style and contents as Volume XXXIII. The design of the cover was unchanged but it was printed in brown.

The first number contained an article describing the Denver convention by Rev. Robert W. Courtney, Rutgers, '97, and the convention poem, "The Rubaiyat of Beta Theta Pi," by George H. Fitch, Knox, '97. During the year considerable attention was paid to the subject of High School societies and three articles were printed relating to it, "The High School Fraternity Nuisance," by John N. Monroe, Bethany, '04, "A Legal Decision Concerning the High School Society," and "The Good Points of the High School Fraternity" by John C. Spaulding, Michigan, '97. The college articles during the year related to the University of Toronto" by Donald McLean, Toronto, '07, the "University of Chicago," by Francis W. Shepardson, "Westminster College," by Charles L. Ferguson, Westminster, '09, and the "University of Wooster," by F. E. Eastman, Wooster, '08. Biographical articles or portraits appeared of William B. Doyle, Amherst, '99, president of the Denver convention; Prof. Francis W. Shepardson, Denison, '82, newly elected trustee; Prof. Andrew F. West, Central, '73, of Princeton; Henry A. Buchtel, DePauw, '72, elected Governor of Colorado; John Reily Knox, Miami, '39; Frank O. Lowden, Iowa, '85, member of Congress from Illinois; and two new United States Senators, Norris Brown, Iowa, '83, of Nebraska, and William E. Borah, Kansas, '89, of Idaho.



Other articles were the "Greek Letter Fraternities as an Educational Influence," by Charles F. Birdseye (X Ψ, Amherst, '72), the "Chapter House of the Syracuse Chapter," "Local Inter-Fraternities," by Dr. William S. Keller, Ohio Wesleyan and the "Protection of Fraternity Insignia," by the editor. There were also two pieces of fiction, the "Dimming of the Wreaths," by Ralph W. Keeler, Wesleyan, '04, and "The Return," a ghost story, by Prof. William L. Graves, Ohio State, '93.



## CHAPTER XII.

### *Other Publications—Catalogues.*

The first catalogue of the fraternity was issued in 1855. The convention of 1848 ordered the Western Reserve chapter which was then the presiding chapter to prepare a catalogue. Prior to that time the chapters had exchanged MSS. lists. Nothing much was done about the matter until the convention of 1851, when the Jefferson chapter, which was then made presiding chapter, was ordered to proceed with the work. During the three years from 1851 to 1854 the Jefferson chapter collected some chapter lists and the sum of \$250.00 to defray the expense of printing. The convention of 1854 turned the entire matter over to the Miami chapter and the latter prepared and printed the catalogue late in 1855.

It was a slim pamphlet of 63 pages, with a light pink cover, on the front of which was displayed a lithographed picture of the badge, with a chased border, surrounded by the circular symbol of eternity, and resting on clouds. The title page was severely plain, and read, "Catalogue | of the | Beta Theta Pi | MDCCCLV," the whole surrounded by a light double-ruled black border. Facing

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Ulysses Mercur,	v. A.	Towanda, Pa.
Isaac S. McMeekin,	v. A.	Lycoming Co., Pa.
A. W. Hendricks,	v. A.	Madison, Indiana.
W. M. Houston,	v. A.	Monroe Co., Missouri.
Robert P. Nevin,	v. A.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
J. R. Lowrie,	v. A.	Hollidaysburg, Pa.
John M. Sullivan,	v. A.	Butler, Pa.
John P. Penney,	v. A.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Charles Martin,	A.	Prince Edwards, Va.
<small>Prof. H. S. College.</small>		
James Matthews,	r e x. A.	Danville, Kentucky.
<small>Prof. Center College.</small>		
J. M. Moore,	v. A.	Opelousas, Louisiana
Wm. J. McCulloh,	r e. F.	Washington, D. C.
Wm. M. Scott,	r e x. E.	Danville, Kentucky.
<small>Prof. Center College.</small>		
Joseph R. Wilson,	F.	Prince Edwards, Va.
<small>Prof. H. S. College.</small>		
R. T. Merrick,	v. F.	Baltimore, Maryland.
James L. Rogers,	r e x. F.	Marietta, Georgia.
<small>Prof. Military Institute.</small>		
Joshua T. Owen,	v. E.	Philadelphia, Pa.

Facsimile of a page of the Catalogue of 1855.

the title page was the well-known frontispiece representing the so-called fraternity legend and displaying the front of a Greek temple, an altar and some other symbols. On the reverse of the title page was the imprint, "Wm. Overend & Co., Printers, Cincinnati." The text comprised the list of members, arranged by chapters. Under each chapter, the names appeared in the order of admission to the fraternity. There is nothing whatever to indicate to what colleges the several chapters belonged.

The chapter list was as follows: A, Miami, 94 members; B, Western Reserve, 46; B', Cincinnati 13; Γ, Jefferson, 92; Δ, Asbury, 99; E, Centre, '52; E', Transylvania, 22; Z, Hampden-Sidney, 33; Z', Harvard, 5; H, North Carolina, 33; H', Indiana, 23; Θ, Ohio Wesleyan, 15; Θ', Princeton, 15; I, Hanover, 23; I', Williams, 10; K, Ohio, 31; Λ, Michigan, 36; M, Cumberland, 15; M', Wabash, 11; N, Washington (Pa.), 5; Ξ, Knox, 11; and O, Virginia, 5. Total, 689.

The book concludes with an alphabetical index, headed, "Beta Theta Pi | Index," which gave the name, chapter and date of initiation of each member on a single line, thus:

Agnew, B. L.

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1854.

In examining the rolls, we find few notes to indicate anything concerning the career of the members. Among others are James Long, "Superintendent Public Schools;" Daniel McCleary, "United States Army;" John C. Zachos, "Prof. Antioch College;" James Matthews,

"Prof. Centre College;" W. H. DeMotte, "Teacher in D. and D. Asylum;" Albert G. Porter, "Rep. Indiana Supreme Court;" Hon. Schuyler Colfax, "Member Congress;" Hon. H. Marshall, "Envoy to China;" James M. Safford, "State Geologist, Tennessee." The book abounds in errors inseparable from the transcription of names by hurried schoolboys. Hon B. Gratz Brown, for instance, is effectually disguised as "B. C. Bovan," and John Curn, of Indiana, is called "Colburn." But, on the whole, the work is well done, and compares very favorable with the contemporaneous catalogues of  $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Psi \Upsilon$  and  $\Sigma \Phi$ .

The convention of 1858 placed in the hands of the Ohio chapter the matter of preparing a new edition of the catalogue, and that chapter promptly took up the work, secured the additions to the lists from the chapters and issued the book in 1859.

The catalogue of 1859 followed closely the style and arrangement of that of 1855. It had the same cover of pink glazed paper and was provided with the same title and frontispiece. On the reverse of the title page was the imprint "Spiller & Brother, Book and Job Printing, Cincinnati." The text closely copied that of the first edition and consisted of 93 pages. The following is the chapter list: A, Miami, 116 members; B, Western Reserve, 67; B', Cincinnati, 13;  $\Gamma$ , Jefferson, 110;  $\Delta$ , Asbury, 122;  $\Delta'$ , Ohio, 23; E, Centre, 88; E', Transylvania, 22; Z, Hampden-Sidney, 54; Z', Harvard, 7; H, North Carolina, 46; H', Indiana, 26;  $\Theta$ , Ohio Wesleyan, 35;  $\Theta'$ , Princeton, 16; I, Hanover, 50; I', Williams, 10; K, Ohio, 31;  $\Lambda$ , Michi-

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Ulysses Mercur,	<i>v. A.</i>	Towanda, Pa.
Isaac S. McMeekin,	<i>v. A.</i>	Lycoming Co., Pa.
A. W. Hendricks,	<i>v. A.</i>	Madison, Indiana.
W. M. Houston,	<i>v. A.</i>	Monroe Co., Missouri.
Robert P. Nevin,	<i>v. A.</i>	Pittsburgh, Pa.
J. R. Lowrie,	<i>v. A.</i>	Hollidaysburg, Pa.
John M. Sullivan,	<i>v. A.</i>	Butler, Pa.
John P. Penney,	<i>v. A.</i>	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Charles Martin,	<i>A.</i>	Prince Edwards, Va.
<i>Prof. H. S. College</i>		
James Matthews,	<i>τ &amp; x. A.</i>	Danville, Kentucky.
<i>Prof. Center College</i>		
J. M. Moore,	<i>v. A.</i>	Opelousas, Louisiana.
Wm. J. McCulloh,	<i>γ &amp; E.</i>	Washington, D. C.
Wm. M. Scott,	<i>τ &amp; x. E.</i>	Danville, Kentucky.
<i>Prof. Center College</i>		
Joseph R. Wilson,	<i>E.</i>	Prince Edwards, Va.
<i>Prof. H. S. College</i>		
R. T. Merrick,	<i>v. E.</i>	Baltimore, Maryland.
James L. Rogers,	<i>τ &amp; x. E.</i>	Marietta, Georgia.
<i>Prof. Military Institute</i>		
Joshua T. Owen,	<i>v. E.</i>	Philadelphia, Pa.

Facsimile of a page of the Catalogue of 1859.

gan, 77; M, Cumberland, 45; M', Wabash, 16; N, Washington (Pa.), 11; Ξ, Knox, 24; O, Virginia, 45; Π, Indiana, 24; P, Washington (Va.), 18; Σ, Illinois, 17; T, Wabash, 10; Υ, South Carolina, 9; Φ, Davidson, 10. Total, 1142. It will be noticed that the Ohio, Indiana, and Wabash chapters are listed twice. After a period of inactivity they were, upon revival, given new names. The alphabetical index and the style and character of the notes were the same as in the first edition.

The convention of 1864 placed the matter of preparing a new catalogue in the hands of the Miami chapter, but that chapter was then unable to do the work. The convention of 1865 repeated the request, but as Miami, on account of its small numbers was unable to comply, the Hanover chapter, which was then the presiding chapter, undertook the work and issued the catalogue of 1866.

The catalogue of 1866 was published at Cincinnati. It was a paper-covered pamphlet, of the same style as the preceding editions. On the front cover was the same design. The frontispiece was the same as previously used, but was lithographed, and not engraved. This was a very inferior piece of work, the name of the fraternity at the top being "B Θ I I" not "B Θ Π." The title page reads, "Catalogue | of the | Beta Theta Pi | MDCCCLXVI; James B. Boyd, Steam Book and Job Printer, | No. 25 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio."

The book contained 84 pages and the following chapter list: A, Miami, 156; B, Western Reserve, 105; B', Cincinnati, 13; Γ, Jefferson, 130; Δ, Asbury, 155; Δ'.



Ohio, 23; E', Centre, 87; E'', Transylvania, 22; Z', Hampden-Sidney, 58; Z'', Harvard, 7; H', North Carolina, 46; H'', Indiana, 26; Θ, Ohio Wesleyan, 90; Θ' Princeton, 16; I, Hanover, 91; I', Williams, 10; K, Ohio, (as re-established), 61; Λ', Michigan, 92; M, Cumberland, 77; M', Wabash, 16; N', Washington (Pa.), 52; Ξ, Knox, 57; O, Virginia, 65; Π, Indiana (as re-established), 62; P, Washington (Va.), 34; Σ' Illinois, 27; T, Wabash (as re-established), 41; Y', South Carolina, 9; Φ', Davidson, 10; X', Beloit, 18; Ω, U. S. Naval Academy, 9; A A, Monmouth, 10. Total 1,675.

The book concludes with an alphabetical index, but contains nothing to indicate the location of the chapters. It abounds in errors, mostly in the proper names, and has a large number of omissions of addresses. It was evidently a mere transcript of the lists furnished by the chapter secretaries. There are some curious errors, Joseph G. Wilson, of Alpha, for instance, being transposed to the head of Beta's list, and the latter being left without a heading. In this edition the number of biographical foot-notes was slightly increased, and several Congressmen were noticed. Under Gamma's list, we note an odd combination of the sites of the Universities of North and South Carolina, A. D. Hepburn being named as residing at Columbia, N. C.

The convention of 1869 directed the Miami chapter to prepare the material for a new edition and the lists were collected and compiled by Roger Williams, Miami, '70. who presented the MSS. to the Chicago convention of

1870 and the Chicago alumni offered to publish it and did so.

The catalogue of 1870 was the same size and style as the previous editions. It was bound in paper and cloth. The title page was severely plain, displaying the title, "Catalogue | of the | Beta Theta Pi, | MDCCCLXX. | Printed at the Lakeside Press, | 108 and 110 Dearborn Street, Chicago." It contained the well-known frontispiece, and, following this, a list of the chapters, giving their Greek names, the colleges to which they were attached, and their location. The chapter roll was as follows:

A, Miami, 165; B', Cincinnati, 13; B'', Western Reserve, 96; Γ', Jefferson, 131; Δ, Asbury, 191; E, Center, 94; E', Transylvania, 22; Z, Hampden-Sidney, 82; Z', Harvard, 6; H', North Carolina, 46; Θ, Ohio Wesleyan, 121; Θ', Princeton, 16; I, Hanover, 109; I', Williams, 8; K, Ohio University, 115; Λ', Michigan, 86; M, Cumberland, 114; N, Washington (Pa.), 62; Ξ, Knox, 74; O, Virginia, 95; Π, Indiana, 114; P, Washington (Va.), 57; Σ', Illinois, 27; T, Wabash, 78; Υ' South Carolina, 11; Φ', Davidson, 20; X', Beloit, 18; Ψ', Bethany, 9; Ω', U. S. Naval Academy, 9; A A, Monmouth, 25; B B, Iowa 35; Γ Γ, Wittenberg, 31; Δ Δ, Westminster, 17; E E, Iowa Wesleyan, 31; Z Z, Chicago, 8; H H, Denison, 13; Θ Θ, Virginia Military Institute, 23; I I, Washington University, 14. Total, 2,194.

The following alumni chapters were also included: A, Chicago; Γ, Indianapolis; Δ, Louisville; and, in conclu-

sion there was an alphabetical index giving the name and chapter of each member.

The catalogue of 1881 was the result of two years' hard labor on the part of the committee. It was a square 8vo volume of some 400 pages, bound in colored cloth, with a back title in Greek letters, "Βῆτα Θῆτα Πι," and a gilt side-title displaying the dragon supporting a shield. The inside title page reads: "Catalogue | of the | Beta Theta Pi | *cut of the Dragon and Shield* | In the Forty-Third Year | of the | Fraternity." The frontispiece was the same in design as that used for all the previous editions, but as the old plate had been spoiled, the design was re-engraved by Dreka. After the title page follows a page giving the names of the editors, Charles J. Seaman, Denison, '71; William R. Baird, Stevens, '78, and Edwin H. Terrell, DePauw, '71. Then follows a page giving the list of the board of directors and officers of the fraternity, and then a list of 43 chapters, with the pages in the book where the roll of their members could be found. Only the active chapters were thus indexed. The names of the members of the chapters then inactive were placed before or after the list of some active chapter; thus, the Cincinnati chapter follows Miami, the Transylvania chapter precedes Centre, and the Williams chapter Brown, the Naval Academy chapter follows Brown, the North Carolina chapter follows Hampden-Sidney, the Washington & Lee, Davidson, South Carolina and V. M. I. chapters follow Virginia, the Washing-

# WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON COLLEGE. GAMMA.

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## JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

1800\*REV. HENRY SNYDER;  $\Sigma$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\Omega$ ,  $\gamma$ ; New York, N. Y.

Admitted at the "Alpha;" Founder of the Gamma, 1842; Professor of History, Jefferson College, 1841-50; of History, Centre College, 1850-52; of Mathematics, Centre College, 1852-54; of History, Hampden Sidney College, 1857-62; drowned in New York Harbor.

HON. ULYSSES MERCER, LL.D.  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Omega$ ""; Tonawanda, Pa.

LL.D., Washington and Jefferson College, 1879; First honor, 1842; Trustee of the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute since 1870; President Judge of the 13th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, 1861-65; Member of the United States House of Representatives, 29th, 40th, 41st and 42d Congress; Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania since 1872; Member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

1861\*ISAAC S. McMICKEN;  $\Omega$ ,  $\gamma$ ""; Lycoming, Pa.

United States Consul to Acapulco, 1867-61.

ABRAM WASHINGTON HENDRICKS;  $\gamma$ ,  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Omega$ "";

Indianapolis, Ind.

Hanover College, 1839-40; English salutatory, 1843; elected orator of the 4th Triennial Convention, 1851; Paymaster, U. S. A., 1861-65.

1872\*WILLIAM M. HOUSTON;  $\Delta$ ,  $\gamma$ "";

Whitesville, Mo.

ROBERT PEEBLES NEVIN;  $E$ ,  $\gamma$ "";

Pittsburg, Pa.

Editor and proprietor of the "Pittsburg Times;" one of the proprietors of the "Pittsburg Leader;" Author of "Black Robes," "Tom the Tinker," and other stories; contributor to the "Atlantic Monthly," "Knickerbocker's Magazine," and "Lippincott's Magazine."

JONATHAN ROBERTS LOWRIE;  $A$ ,  $\Omega$ "";

Warriorsmark, Pa.

LL.B., Western University of Pennsylvania, 1843; Valedictorian, 1842.

HON. JOHN MCPHERSON SULLIVAN;  $\theta$   $\gamma$ ""; Allegheny City, Pa.

Valedictorian, 1843; Clerk of the Pennsylvania Senate, 1851-52; Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1853-58; United States Internal Revenue Collector, 22d District, Pennsylvania, since 1867.

ton University (Mo.) chapter follows Westminster, the William & Mary chapter follows Richmond, the Knox chapter follows Kansas, the Virginia State, Trinity University; Oglethorpe, Butler and Howard chapters follow Randolph-Macon, the Illinois and Chicago chapters follow Northwestern, and the Princeton chapter follows Rutgers.

The work of the committee was divided as follows: E. H. Terrell had charge of the rolls of the DePauw, Illinois, Naval Academy and Trinity University chapters; William R. Baird had charge of all the chapters in the eastern and middle states, and all of the southern chapters (except North Carolina, Oglethorpe and Cumberland) and also of the roll of the Knox chapter. Chas. J. Seaman had charge of the remainder of the chapters. The work accomplished was very great, when the fact is considered that few of the colleges had trustworthy alumni records, that the records and rolls furnished the committee were in MSS., many of them with addresses and names unchanged for thirty years, and that covering the most momentous period of the country's history, and when, moreover, many of the colleges had suspended or ceased their operations. Happily, the Betas were men who made their mark, and could be more readily traced than would naturally be inferred, and the committee succeeded in finding the greater number of those searched for, and in securing their records.

The constant pressure from the fraternity to print the work, and the unavoidable delays incident to such a labor,

made the book imperfect, but it marked a great advance, and cleared away many of the difficulties surrounding the subject. An endeavor was made to secure the full name of each member, which was only partly successful.

The names were arranged in the order of initiation, as near as could be ascertained, this being the natural order most in accord with the facts, and one sanctioned by long usage in the fraternity. The biographies attached to the names were usually quite full. Men who had belonged to two chapters were placed in the rolls of both.

The engraved illustrations which accompanied some of the chapter lists were in many cases far superior to anything of the kind that had been previously attempted by any fraternity, but these fine steel engravings were spoiled by the introduction of lithographs and woodcuts. Some of the designs were very striking. The dragon used by the Centre chapter has become a general fraternity device; the student in the window seat, used by Kenyon, though technically incorrect as to drawing, will appeal at once to all Kenyon men as reproducing a thoroughly characteristic feature of life at Gambier; the Wisconsin design, adapted from the Voyage of Hope; the Brown, Maine, St. Lawrence and Rutgers designs, thoroughly heraldic; the Boston design, utilizing the Diogenes legend, and various other illustrations, displaying features which were familiar to Betas, will long be remembered.

The names were accompanied by symbols which conveyed much useful information, but the average member

would not learn them, and they were generally objected to as confusing and unmeaning, though they catered to the boyish love of the mysterious, and economized space.

After the rolls of the chapter, which were approximately arranged in the order of their establishment, there was a geographical distribution of members, followed by an index of names and some supplementary lists and corrections.

The book, with all its faults, was a great success, and of benefit to the fraternity, for it served to bring out as nothing else could the character of the membership.

The roll of the catalogue of 1881 was as follows; A, Miami, 158; B, Cincinnati, 13; B, Ohio University, 133; B K, Western Reserve, 100; F, Washington & Jefferson, 201; H, Harvard, 42; Δ, Asbury, 273; Π, Indiana, 171; Λ, Michigan, 142; T, Wabash, 107; E', Transylvania, 22; E, Centre, 156; K, Brown, 73; I', Williams, 6; Ω', U. S. Naval Academy, 6; Z, Hampden-Sidney, 45; H', North Carolina, 47; Θ, Ohio Wesleyan, 202; I, Hanover, 145; M, Cumberland, 122; O, University of Virginia, 187; P, Washington & Lee, 85; Φ', Davidson, 24; Y', South Carolina, 18; A Θ', V. M. I., 70; X, Beloit, 62; Ψ, Bethany, 68; A B, Iowa, 51; A Γ, Wittenberg, 75; A Δ, Westminster, 61; A I, Washington University, 29; A E, Iowa Wesleyan, 88; A H, Denison, 46; A K, Richmond, 56; A T, William & Mary, 5; A Λ, Wooster, 72; A N, Kansas, 59; Ξ', Knox, 73; A Ξ, Randolph-Macon, 40; A Φ', Virginia State, 29; A O', Trinity, 50; X'', Ogle-

thorpe, 12; A  $\Psi$ , Butler, 20; A M', Howard, 43; A  $\Pi$ , Wisconsin, 60; P, Northwestern, 48;  $\Sigma'$ , Illinois, 26; A A', Monmouth, 49; A Z' Chicago, 3; A  $\Sigma$ , Dickinson, 58; Y, Boston, 38; A X, Johns Hopkins, 23;  $\Omega$ , California, 21; B A, Kenyon, 21; B B, Mississippi, 37; B  $\Gamma$ , Rutgers, 45;  $\Theta'$ , Princeton, 23;  $\Sigma$ , Stevens, 41; B  $\Delta$ , Cornell, 43; B Z, St. Lawrence, 43; B H, Maine State, 44; B  $\Theta$ , Madison University, 37;  $\Phi$ , Pennsylvania, 22; N, Union, 13; A A, Columbia, 9; total, 4,170. This enumeration, however, does not exclude transfers, and there are certainly a large number of names counted twice in it.

The catalogue of 1899 was the work of J. Cal Hanna, Wooster, '81, who was some eleven years in preparing it. It was bound in dark red cloth with a side stamp in gold of the fraternity coat of arms and it had a plain back title in gold. It was an octavo volume of 1294 pages. The frontispiece was the familiar one used in all prior catalogues. The inside title page is "Catalogue | of | Beta Theta Pi | *cut of the badge* | In the Sixteenth Year | of the | Fraternity, | 1899" on the reverse of the title page is a small imprint "Printed and bound by Junius E. Beal, U. of Mich., '82, Ann Arbor."

It was divided into an introduction, index to chapters, a list of abbreviations and symbols, the chapter roll, supplementary lists, alphabetical and geographical indices and lists of addenda and errata and later initiates. The principal portion of the book comprised the chapter rolls. These were arranged in the chronological or-



der of the establishment of the several chapters and each roll was preceded by a statement of the resources and endowment of the institution in which it was located, the number of its professors and students, the size of its library, the fraternities which had established chapters together with a brief statement concerning the date of the establishment of the chapter and the like.

The chapter rolls were continuous lists of the members' names arranged as far as possible in the order of their initiation and without any separation into groups by classes. In regard to each member an attempt was made to give all his degrees, the place of his residence, or if deceased the place of his last residence, the date of decease if dead, and the more prominent facts in his career.

An innovation in this catalogue was the prefixing of a roll number to each member's name. Persons holding membership in more than one chapter were given roll numbers in each chapter, but the data concerning them was only given in one place, appropriate cross-references being given on the other chapter rolls. No symbols of any kind were used in this book all of the information being given in plain English.

The catalogue contained 11,077 names, 735 of which appeared more than once. They were distributed among the chapter rolls as follows: Miami 224; Cincinnati 83; Western Reserve 188; Ohio 204; Transylvania 21; Washington & Jefferson 282; Harvard 76; Princeton 26; DePauw 394; Indiana 287; Michigan 262; Wabash 206;

# Washington and Jefferson College.

WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

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JEFFERSON COLLEGE, AT CANONSHIRE, PENNSYLVANIA, WAS CHARTERED IN 1802.

FIRST CLASS GRADUATED IN 1802.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE WAS CHARTERED IN 1806.

FIRST CLASS GRADUATED IN 1808.

THE TWO COLLEGES WERE UNITED IN 1865.

INDEPENDENT OF CHURCH CONTROL. PRESBYTERIAN IN AFFILIATION.

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Departments:—COLLEGE AND PREPARATORY.

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Value of buildings and grounds,	-	-	-	-	\$ 250,000.00
Value of equipment and apparatus,	-	-	-	-	15,000.00
Value of productive funds,	-	-	-	-	250,000.00
Income from all sources for 1893-4,	-	-	-	-	25,000.00
Tuition in college department,	-	-	-	-	24.00

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Number of volumes in library,	-	-	-	-	12,000
Number of professors and instructors in college department,	-	-	-	-	12
Number of professors and instructors in all departments,	-	-	-	-	13
Number of students in college department,	-	-	-	-	185
Number of students in all departments,	-	-	-	-	245

Women are not admitted.

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## FRATERNITIES.

Beta Theta Pi, 1842.	Delta Kappa Epsilon (inact.), 1858-63.
Phi Gamma Delta, 1848.	Delta Upsilon (inact.), 1858-70.
Phi Kappa Psi, 1852.	Delta Tau Delta, 1861.
Phi Kappa Sigma, 1854.	Theta Delta Chi (inact.), 1869-72.
Sigma Chi (Jeff.), (inactive), 1858-70.	Phi Delta Theta, 1875.
Sigma Chi (Wash.), (inact.), 1859-63.	Alpha Tau Omega (inact.), 1882-82.

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## THE WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON CHAPTER, THE GAMMA OF BETA THETA PI.

The Gamma at Jefferson was founded June 1, 1842. The Nu at Washington was founded in January, 1855. When the colleges were united the two chapters were united as Nu. Changed in 1873 to Gamma-Nu, and in 1876 to Gamma. Gamma was the presiding chapter, 1851-54.

Facsimile of a page of the 1899 Catalogue.

# Washington and Jefferson College.

## GAMMA.

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### JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

- (Alpha, 24.) 1. RODNEY MASON. A.B., 1844. Lawyer. Detroit, Mich.  
Lieut. col., 2d O. V. I., 1861; ass't adj't gen'l of Ohio, 1862-3; col.  
71st O. V. I., 1864.
2. \*ULYSSES MERCUR. A.B., 1842; LL.D., 1879. Lawyer. Towanda, Pa.  
President judge, 13th judicial district, 1861-5. Member of congress,  
1865-72. Associate justice, Pa. supreme court, 1872-83; chief justice,  
1883-87. *Died May 6, 1887.*
3. \*ISAAC SMITH McMICKEN. A.B., 1842. Lawyer. Pottsville, Pa.  
Private to major 1st Pa. volunteers, 1846-9. General postmaster, City  
of Mexico, 1847-8. Consul to Acapulco, Mexico, 1857-8.  
*Died in Acapulco, 1858.*
4. \*ABRAM WASHINGTON HENDRICKS. A.B., 1843;  
LL.B. (Transylvania), 1845. Lawyer. (Indianapolis, Ind.)  
Member Indiana legislature, 1852-55. Major and paymaster, U. S.  
army, 1861-5. Also Pi Epsilon. *Died Nov. 25, 1887.*
5. WILLIAM MAY HOUSTON. A.B., 1843; M.D.,  
1845. Retired. Mexico, Mo.
6. ROBERT PEEBLES NEVIN. A.B., 1842; A.M.,  
1844. Journalist. Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Residence, Sewickly, Pa.  
Proprietor "Pittsburgh Times." Author "Black-Robes," "Les Trois  
Rois," "Tom the Tinker." Contributor to various magazines.
7. \*JONATHAN ROBERTS LOWRIE. A.B., 1842;  
LL.B. (Western U. of Pa.), 1845. Lawyer. (Warrior's Mark, Pa.)  
*Died Dec. 10, 1885.*

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Williams 11; Centre 259; Brown 197; Hampden-Sidney 192; North Carolina 128; Ohio Wesleyan 306; Hanover 209; Cumberland 261; Knox 144; Virginia 281; Washington & Lee 79; Illinois College 26; South Carolina 20; Davidson 112; Oglethorpe 15; Bethany 176; Beloit 162; Naval Academy 6; Monmouth 50; Iowa 171; Wittenberg 176; Westminster 127; Iowa Wesleyan 182; Chicago 52; Denison 130; V. M. I. 66; Washington (Mo.) 34; Richmond 115; Wooster 165; Howard 43; Kansas 196; Randolph-Macon 76; Trinity 50; Wisconsin 180; Northwestern 151; Dickinson 140; William & Mary 11; Boston 170; Virginia State 30; Johns Hopkins 126; Butler 19; California 130; Kenyon 68; Mississippi 191; Rutgers 118; Cornell 182; Stevens 130; St. Lawrence 157; Miami 171; Pennsylvania 114; Colgate 166; Union 88; Columbia 70; Amherst 181; Vanderbilt 104; Texas 84; Ohio State 85; Denver 50; Nebraska 71; Pennsylvania State 69; Syracuse 195; Dartmouth 464; Minnesota 83; Wesleyan 178; Missouri 271; Lehigh 35; Yale 57; Leland Stanford 34. Also the following inactive chapters of the Mystical Seven: Emory 55; Georgia 38.

The geographical distribution showed 124 towns or cities having more than ten resident members, New York being the largest with 347.

The earliest rolls were printed nearly five years before the completed books were made. Although the work on this catalogue was almost all performed by J. Cal Hanna, the Mystical Seven rolls were prepared by William R. Baird, the Wisconsin roll by Winfield R. Smith, and

some other rolls by members of the chapters concerned, for instance, *Northwestern*, William A. Hamilton; *Miami*, Walter L. Tobey; *Boston*, Edwin R. Hardy; *St. Lawrence*, Williston Manley. Ralph K. Jones of the Maine chapter did many months' work on the book. Probably, however, the catalogue would never have been published had not Junius E. Beal, Michigan, '82, undertaken to print it.

The difficulties attending the preparation of this catalogue demonstrated the need of some well devised plan for the publication of the next edition and the stern necessity of restricting the data concerning each member to the lowest possible amount.

The catalogue of 1905 showed an entire departure from previous methods. It was the joint work of Wm. Raimond Baird and James T. Brown and was prepared well within the limits of a year. It was a book of 985 pages and was issued in two editions, one a library edition on heavy paper and with wide margins, and the other a "satchel" edition on thin paper and trimmed to a smaller size. It was bound in red buckram and had a side title in gold "Beta | Theta | Pi" in a square panel, "Catalogue of 1905, in a second panel, and beneath, the fraternity coat of arms in a beaded oval. On the back was a plain title "Beta Theta Pi Catalogue 1905." The inner title page read "Catalogue | of | Beta Theta Pi | *cut of the badge* | (seventh edition) | In the Sixty-Seventh Year | of the | Fraternity | New York, N. Y., 1905." The reverse of the title leaf gave the editors' names, the dates

## Gamma Chapter, 1842.

### WASHINGTON-JEFFERSON COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, PA.

[The Gamma was founded at Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa. The Nu at Washington College, Washington, Pa., in 1855. The colleges were united in 1865. The chapter was called "Gamma Nu" from 1873 to 1876.]

### JEFFERSON COLLEGE.

RODNEY MASON.\* A.B., 1844; initiated at Miami. Lawyer. Ass't adj't gen'l of Ohio, 1862-3; col., 71st O. V. I., 1864. Died 1893. Detroit, Mich.

ULYSSES MERCUR.\* A.B., 1842; LL.D., 1879. Lawyer. President judge, 13th judicial district, 1861-5. Member of congress, 1865-72. Assoc. justice, Pa. supreme court, 1872-83; chief justice, 1883-7. Died 1887. Towanda, Pa.

ISAAC SMITH McMICKEN.\* A.B., 1842. Lawyer. Major, 1st Pa. volunteers, 1846-9. General postmaster, City of Mexico, 1847-8. Consul to Acapulco, Mexico, 1857-8. Died 1858. Pottsville, Pa.

ABRAM WASHINGTON HENDRICKS.\* A.B., 1843; transferred to Transylvania; LL.B., Transylvania, 1845. Lawyer. Member, Indiana legis., 1852-5. Major and paymaster, U. S. Army, 1861-5. Died 1887. Indianapolis, Ind.

WILLIAM MAY HOUSTON. A.B., 1843; M.D., 1845. Santa Fé, Mo.

ROBERT PEEBLES NEVIN. A.B., 1842. Journalist. Proprietor of "The Pittsburg Times." Author of "Black-Robes," "Les Trois Rois," "Tom, the Tinker." Edgworth, Pa.

JONATHAN ROBERTS LOWRIE.\* A.B., 1842; LL.B., Western U. of Pa., 1845. Lawyer. Died 1885. Warrior's Mark, Pa.

JOHN MCPHERRIN SULLIVAN.\* A.B., 1843. Lawyer. Clerk, Pa. senate, 1847-53; deputy sec'y of the commonwealth, 1855-8. U. S. collector of internal revenue, 1867-82. Died 1896. Butler, Pa.

JOHN PRENTIS PENNY.\* A.B., 1843. Lawyer. Prof., Georgia Mil. Inst., 1847-51. Member, Pa. senate, 1858-65; speaker, 1864. Died 1872. Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHARLES MARTIN.\* A.B., 1842; LL.D., 1876; transferred to Hampden-Sidney. Prof. of Latin, Hamp-Sid., 1847-59; of Greek, 1859-71. Clerk, U. S. court, district of Western Va., 1884-8. Capt., C. S. A., 1864-5. Died 1888. Danville, Va.

of previous editions and the imprint of the printers, The Mail Printing Company of Galesburg, Illinois.

The book was divided into three parts, the chapter rolls which were arrayed in alphabetical and not in chronological order, the geographical index, and the alphabetical index. The roll numbers were omitted and the data concerning each member was condensed and made as compact as possible. In the geographical and alphabetical indexes running head lines were employed and concerning each name there was given the chapter, class, and page of the book where his name appeared. A sketch of the fraternity preceded the chapter rolls. The preface contained a statement of the principles governing the compilation and the acknowledgement of indebtedness to the several persons who had assisted in the work.

The enumeration in the catalogue comprises 14,341 names of which 318 occur more than once, making a net total of 14,023 which included all initiated to the close of the college year 1904-'05. The enumeration by chapters was as follows:

Amherst 248; Beloit 195; Bethany 210; Boston 236; Bowdoin 55; Brown 258; Butler 20; California 173; Case 82; Centenary 32; Central 321; Chicago 108; Cincinnati 143; Colgate 228; Colorado 58; Columbia 130; Cornell 251; Cumberland 271; Dartmouth 531; Davidson 156; Denison 182; Denver 84; DePauw 440; Dickinson 177; Emory 55; Georgia 38; Hampden-Sidney 217; Hanover 225; Harvard 136; Howard 43; Illinois College 27; Illinois 58; Indiana 351; Iowa 221; Iowa

Wesleyan 217; Johns Hopkins 163; Kansas 248; Kenyon 172; Knox 190; Lehigh 78; Maine 226; Miami 264; Michigan 347; Minnesota 144; Mississippi 189; Missouri 322; Monmouth 51; Nebraska 133; North Carolina 162; Northwestern 209; Oglethorpe 15; Ohio 225; Ohio State 148; Ohio Wesleyan 362; Pennsylvania 174; Pennsylvania State 116; Princeton 27; Purdue 34; Randolph-Macon 75; Richmond 119; Rutgers 157; St. Lawrence 193; South Carolina 20; Stanford 75; Stevens 167; Syracuse 258; Texas 124; Transylvania 21; Trinity 50; Union 126; U. S. Naval Academy 9; Vanderbilt 131; Virginia 354; Virginia Military Institute 69; Virginia State 30; Wabash 236; Washington & Jefferson 330; Washington & Lee 81; Washington 80; Washington State 48; Wesleyan 234; Western Reserve 224; Westminster 157; West Virginia 51; William & Mary 14; Williams 11; Wisconsin 243; Wittenberg 208; Wooster 202; Yale 128.

#### CHAPTER CATALOGUES.

At least two other of our present chapters have printed catalogues of their members, though not as Beta chapters. The Brown chapter, while it was the parent chapter of the Phi Kappa Alpha society, issued a creditable catalogue, and the Sigma Delta Pi Society, of Dartmouth, compiled a similar book, both of which are of interest to the fraternity since the alumni of these societies are entitled to admission into the fraternity.

The book of Phi Kappa Alpha is a small octavo pamphlet of 40 pages, with a blue cloth cover displaying the



name of the fraternity in gold. It is entitled, "The Constitution | and | Record | of the | Phi Kappa Alpha | Fraternity, | September, 1878." On the next page are the names of the committee of publication, and on the third page the seal of the fraternity. Following this is the constitution of the fraternity and the act of the legislature of Rhode Island incorporating the chapter by a special act. Then follows the roll of members, beginning with those in the class of 1872 and ending with those in the class of 1880. Succeeding this is the roll of the chapter of the fraternity which was established at Rochester University in 1870, containing the names of the members in the classes from 1874 to 1881, inclusive. The second chapter died before the Brown chapter was admitted to Beta Theta Pi, and none of its members have ever become Betas.

The Sigma Delta Pi, or Vitruvian society, which became the Dartmouth chapter of B Θ Π in 1889, issued two catalogues, one in 1874 and the other in 1882.

The first of these is an octavo pamphlet of 28 pages, with a violet-colored paper cover, bearing the outside title, "Sigma Delta Pi | or | Vitruvian," enclosed in a fancy border, and underneath is the date, 1874. The inside title is, "Catalogue | of the | Sigma Delta Pi | or | Vitruvian Fraternity | (*cut*) | Founded in 1858 | Concord, N. H. | The People Steam Press | 1874;" and on the second page, "Published under the Supervision of the Alpha Chapter." On the following page is the list of chapters—Alpha, at Dartmouth; Beta, at Cornell, and

Gamma, at Wooster, O. Then followed the list of members, with their addresses, those of the Alpha chapter from the classes of 1862 to 1877; Beta chapter, '72 to '74, inclusive, and Gamma chapter, '73 to '77, inclusive. An alphabetical index completes the book.

The second of these is a pamphlet of 40 pages, with a brown paper cover. The outside title is, "Sigma Delta Pi | (*cut*) | Vitruvian;" the inside, "Catalogue | of the |  $\Sigma \Delta \Pi$  | or | Vitruvian Society | (*monogram*, D. S. C.) | Dartmouth | 1882." This is in black; underneath is the society "poster" in green. The book contains an introduction by the committee of publication, and a short history of the society, by Frank E. Shedd, Dartmouth, '80. Then follows the list of the members of the Dartmouth chapter, including the class from '62 to '86, with moderately full biographical details of the members, and an alphabetical index concludes the book. There is no mention made of other chapters, except in the historical sketch referred to.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### *Other Publications, Histories, Song Books, Mystic Messengers, Chapter Periodicals, Constitutions and Laws, Music, Etc.*

None of the chapters have printed histories except that at Denison University. For this we are indebted to Francis W. Shepardson, '82. It is a square pamphlet of 80 odd pages. Facing the title page is a wood cut of Denison University. The title page reads as follows: "Alpha Eta Chapter | of the | Beta Theta Pi | (*cut of the badge*) | An Account of its Foundation and Growth, its Mem | bership and College Records, with a List | of Prizes Won, Chapter Songs, and | Various other Matters of | Interest, by | Francis Wayland Shepardson | Class of 1882. | Chapter Founded | A. D. MDCCCLX-VIII. | Denison University | Granville. | Times Book & Job Print | 1885."

The contents are divided into seven chapters. Chapter I treats of the boxing club, of the Haphazard or Eta Eta club, and of the chapter of Kappa Phi Lambda, which developed out of it, and which became the Alpha Eta chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Chapter II treats of the history of the chapter until 1872, Chapters III and IV of the *sub rosa* life of the chapter, due to anti-fraternity laws, and Chapter V of the life of the chapter from the

repeal of these laws until 1885; Chapter VI, of the relation of the chapter to the general fraternity, giving a list of the members of the chapter who have held positions of honor or trust in the fraternity, or been connected with its general relations; Chapter VII, of the hymnology of the chapter, giving a list of the songs of the fraternity, composed by members of the chapter, and the words of some of them—a record for Alpha Eta to be proud of. After these chapters comes the prize record, and then the roll of the chapter, with a careful biography of each member. The work done by Brother Shepardson in compiling this manual can only be appreciated by those who have undertaken similar labor. It is worthy of imitation by other chapters.

#### SONGS AND SONG BOOKS.

The first collection of songs of which we have any knowledge was issued by the Wabash chapter (then called the Iota) in the fall of 1847. They are mentioned in a letter written by Varnum D. Collins of Wabash to Theo. T. Munger of Western Reserve, dated December 28, 1847, and which letter is reprinted in the *Beta Theta Pi*, Vol. VII, p. 163. We reproduce the collection in fac simile.<sup>1</sup>

The first song book of the fraternity was issued by the Western Reserve chapter, in 1865. The book is a small one of 36 pages, about 3½x6 inches in size, the type space being further reduced by a red line border. It

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<sup>1</sup> The original was found by George M. Chandler, Michigan, '97, among the papers of his father, Edward Bruce Chandler, Michigan, '58. in the fall of 1906.



## FOR THE I. CHAPTER OF THE B. O. II. ASSOCIATION.

**OPENING ODE.**

Hail noble band of youthful men,  
Who form the mystic tie,  
The Secret Order numbring ten,  
Of Beta, Theta, Pi!

On common ground to-night we meet.  
Let joy light every eye;  
With song of cheer, let each one greet  
His Beta, Theta, Pi.

At Friendship's pure, and holy shrine  
Let all dissensions die,  
And mutual confidence entwine  
Our Beta, Theta, Pi.

In "Friendship Hall," mid social cheer,  
Let all with trust rely,  
And join each heart in harmony  
With Beta, Theta, Pi.

Let Virtue, Truth, and Merit stand  
With us escutcheoned high  
Upon the shield which guards our band,  
Of Beta, Theta, Pi.

Let invocations here find birth—  
Perchance they'll reach the sky,  
And blessings soon may shower down  
On Beta, Theta, Pi.

Let order sit enthroned to-night,  
As order reigns on high,  
And each renew his sacred plight  
To Beta, Theta, Pi.

**CLOSING ODE.**

Come, let each Beta join his voice,  
And bid our Lodge good bye;  
While, from its courts, act out through choirs—  
Our Beta, Theta, Pi.

When e'er we mingle with the world,  
Let actions show our ties;  
Like pennant to the breeze unfurled,  
Of Beta, Theta, Pi.

We ~~will~~ would leave our "Friendship Hall,"  
And speak so soon good-bye;  
But time and couch to each doth call,  
"Fare, Beta, Theta, Pi."

Hail all of high and low degree,  
Who form the mystic tie;  
Farewell to each, farewell to thee,  
My Beta, Theta, Pi.

**BENEDICTION**

Let "Nature's sweet restorer sleep,"  
Soon wrap us in her strong embrace,  
And guardian Angels, vigil keep—  
And wilt Thou shield us, God of Grace!

**INITIATORY ODE TO THE CHAPTER.**

Brothers, again we've met to take the pledge,  
Where hearts to kindred hearts reply;  
Let "Friendship and Fidelity," inhedge  
Our sacred Beta, Theta, Pi.

Here oft we congregate with trusting hearts,  
Affection strong, and Friendship high;  
Let each, and all, act well their different parts,  
Thus honor Beta, Theta, Pi.

Once more upon our Order's leath'ning chain,  
Another link, this night we tie;  
Let time, nor distance, rend in twain  
One heart from Beta, Theta, Pi.

And now, when each renews his sacred pledge,  
Let heart and hand with joy comply,  
Let Friendship shield from ill, our little band  
Of noble Beta, Theta, Pi.

While each, in order, gives his willing hand,  
Let never Friendship once decay  
The slightest tribute at the open shrine,  
Of hallow'd Beta, Theta, Pi.

And last of all, let sweetest concord reign  
Round Friendship's altar, pure and high,  
"With all who wear the badge, or bear the name,"  
Which tokens Beta, Theta, Pi.

**TO THE INITIATED.**

Stranger, here oft we've met, a little band,  
To cultivate each friendly tie;  
To you, we now extend the cordial hand,  
Which shields our Beta, Theta, Pi.

We greet thee, as a Brother, in its pale,  
In noble actions let us vie,  
With words of kindness let us ever hail  
Our worthy Beta, Theta, Pi.

To Friendship's noble call, when brother speaks,  
Return a kind and prompt reply,  
Yes, give the pass, or watchword which he seeks,  
And with it, Beta, Theta, Pi.

And now accept this humble tribute, due,  
From brothers of the mystic tie;  
We trust you—O! prove ever true,  
To us—to Beta, Theta, Pi.

has a cover of black glazed paper, on the front page of which, enclosed in a gilt line border, in old English type, is the title: "Beta Theta Pi | Beta Chapter | Leader Print. Cleveland." The inside title on the first page is also in old English, in a slightly curved line, "Catalogue and Songs | of Beta Chapter." On the fifth page is the following dedication:

This catalogue and collection of songs, published under the auspices of Beta chapter, is most respectfully and affectionately dedicated to its graduate members.

Then follows the catalogue of members of the chapter, with their names and residences and symbols, precisely as in the catalogue of 1870, except that the name of T. T. Munger is not in the catalogue of 1870, and Marshall, Mendenhall and Brooks are not in this list.

The following songs were in the book, each one of them appropriately named: *Invitation Song*, "Now brothers to our social band;" *Reunion Song*, "Some time ago there was a band, With hearts both warm and true," etc.; *Beta Theta Pi Song*, "He who on self relies, Dares others' help despise, Makes feeble fight"—this to the tune of America; *Our Motto*, "Oh, joyous and bright are the eyes of the few," etc.; *Beta's Emblems*, "On Beta's night, every heart is light;" *Ne'er May Name of Beta Fade*, taking its title from the first line of the chorus; *Beta's Bonds*, to the tune of Annie Laurie, "The heart is ne'er so joyous," etc.; "Let us be happy to-night," "Raise a song of breath sublime," both named from their titles; then the well-known *Our Founders*,

"When we meet to sing the pleasures that the bonds of Beta yield," etc.; *Oh, Spotless Name for Aye*, and the *Parting Song*," "Brothers, an anthem raise ere we depart." There are twelve songs in all. The music is not given nor the names of the composers of the songs, and only a few of the latter are known. *Our Founders* was written by S. E. Williamson, Western Reserve, '64; *Beta's Bonds*, by Hon. James B. Black, DePauw, '60, and *Beta's Emblems*, by M. L. Brooks, Western Reserve, '64.

The next song book was intrusted to Alpha Eta chapter, and was published by Charles J. Seaman, Denison, '71, in 1872. It is a cloth-bound 12mo book of 56 pages, and contains the words of 41 songs, but no music. There is likewise nothing in this book to indicate who wrote the songs. On the front page of the cloth cover is a monogram of rustic letters, "B," "Θ," "Π," surrounded by a wreath and surmounted by three stars. The inside title page is printed in three colors—| black, red and purple—and reads: "Songs | of the Beta Theta Pi | (*cut of badge*) | Fraternity | MDCCCLXXII." This is the best known of our song books, and contained many good songs not in the previous edition—among others, the well-known "Gemma Nostra," by J. S. Tunison, Denison, '73, who also wrote the beautiful doxology:

Bless now, O God on high,  
Bless Beta Theta Pi;  
Let naught of wrong  
Sully our Mystic gem;  
Let not the wreath be dim:

Then shall praise be to him  
To whom our song.

Also the fine lyric by Dr. J. S. Stilson, of Hanover, '71:

There's a scene where brothers greet  
Where true kindred hearts do meet,  
At an altar, sending love's sweet incense high;  
Where is found, without alloy,  
Purest stores of earthly joy—  
'Tis within the hall of Beta Theta Pi.

And the Wooglin song, by J. H. Lozier, DePauw, '57, the author of the Legend of Wooglin, and who has done so much to evoke enthusiasm by his stirring songs. There is an inspiration in the closing verse of this song which initiates have repeatedly said impressed them as nothing else had done:

'Tis not by the fortunes of fate, brother,  
That lasting fame is won;  
They only are victors great, brother,  
Who win every step they run.  
Then keep our motto in view, brother,  
And ever, with lofty aim,  
Be fearless, and pure, and true, brother,  
And Wooglin will guard your fame.

Rev. S. N. Wilson, Hanover, '72, is the author of another song endeared by associations to many generations of college youth. What initiate can forget the enthusiasm pent up in the chorus:

Far and wide the praise of Beta sing,  
Out on the air the happy chorus ring.  
Joyful in heart may each brother be,  
Under the mystic three.



Wooglin's Christmas song, by Charles Duy Walker, V. M. I., '69, while not so popular as some mentioned, is one of the finest songs in the book. Sung to the air of the "Bonnie Blue Flag," the tune was replete with patriotic reminiscence to a Confederate soldier, and the words are full of tender sentiment.

Perhaps the most popular song in the collection, however is by Charles Hemenway Adams, DePauw, '65, who is now one of the editors of the *Courant* at Hartford, Conn. It is a parting song, which first appeared in this edition, and has been sung hundreds of times at reunions and banquets as the hands were joined in the mystic circle:

And now let hand grip into hand,  
And eye look into eye,  
As breaks the leal and loving band  
Of Beta Theta Pi.

A selection of these songs for convention use was a little book of 36 pages, bound in a blue paper cover, issued in 1881 by Chas. J. Seaman. The title page displayed a most grotesque dragon and shield in blue and red and bore the imprint of J. B. Savage, Cleveland, O. On page 27 there is printed an alternative melody for Wooglin's Christmas song.

The song book of 1884, compiled and published under the supervision of W. H. January, Centre, '80, was a great improvement upon its predecessors. It was an octavo volume and consisted of 105 pages and 56 songs, and for the first time the music was printed with the songs, and the names of the authors were given, when

known. There was nothing in the book to indicate who was the editor or printer. The book was bound in a limp cloth cover, displaying the familiar dragon and shield, and with red edges, cut close, and the inside title was, "Songs | of the | Beta Theta Pi | Fraternity | 1884." The old songs were retained, but several new ones were added, notably "Friendship" and "The Three Knights," by Harmon S. Babcock, Brown, '74; a Latin song, "Manus Laeta," by W. H. Wait, Northwestern, '77; "Hail ! Noble Greeks," by Willis Boughton, Michigan, '81; "Carve Dat Canine," an adaption of a negro melody and sentiment, by John I. Covington, Miami, '70; "The Alumni Call," by H. C. White, Stevens, '81; and a stirring banquet song by Arthur L. Hughes, Denison, '78, to the air of "Landlord, fill the flowing bowl."

The book, strange to say, was not popular, probably from its somewhat unhandy size. It was well edited, however, and marked a distinct advance in the hymnology of the fraternity.

An edition of the song book was issued in 1886, and a second edition of this version in 1888. These, and the subsequent editions down to 1891, were under the direction of Frank M. Joyce, DePauw, '82, and Frank W. Burgoyne, Wooster, '86. They were all well bound in cloth or leather, with the dragon and the badge cut on the outside. The inside title is, "Songs | of the | Beta Theta Pi | (*Cut of the dragon and badge*) | Fraternity," followed by the date. All of these editions have the music, and, where known, the names of the

authors of the songs. The editions of 1886-'88 contained 54 songs in 79 pages; that of 1891, contains 63 songs in 105 pages. None of these editions under the management of Joyce and Burgoyne contain any reference to any place of publication.

A new edition was issued in 1894 by Frank M. Joyce. It was a book of 135 pages and contained 72 fraternity songs and 17 college songs. The title page reads "Carmina Beta | Songs | of the | Beta Theta Pi Fraternity | compiled by | Frank M. Joyce | Delta Chapter, class 1882 | Minneapolis, Minn., | 1894 |. In the 55th year of the Fraternity." The book was bound in leather with red edges and had a gold side title. It contained nine more songs than the preceding edition, mostly distinctive chapter songs.

The edition of 1902 was edited and published by Horace G. Lozier of the Chicago chapter under the supervision of a committee appointed by the trustees and consisting of Francis H. Sisson, George M. Chandler and Frank E. Lord. It is a small quarto in form and is bound in a red cloth cover, displaying the fraternity flag and the words "Beta Songs." A back title reads: "Songs of B @ II." The inside title is "Songs of | *coat of arms* | Beta Theta Pi |. In the sixty-third year of the Fraternity." It contained a list of the contributors, a handsome steel engraving of the standard badge, a facsimile of "Gemma Nostra," in the handwriting of the author, J. S. Tunison, Denison, '73, and 116 pages of words and music.

There are a few new songs in the book but its merit does not reside in this novelty but in the fine musical arrangement, the parts being given in most cases and with full musical directions. All the songs were in singable keys and were provided with a simple piano accompaniment. Some of the songs had extra accompaniment for guitar and mandolin. There were three new marching tunes and some of the older songs were provided with new melodies.

The most popular of the new songs was "She Wears my Beta Pin" by Brother Lozier.

The book was an immediate success and the edition was quickly sold. There was a second impression which was also sold and a new edition is now in preparation under the same efficient management.

One of the finest songs first published in this edition of 1902 is by Sam Walter Foss, Brown, '82. The music for it was written by Robert W. Dunn, Michigan, '95.

GOOD BETAS SING FOREVER.

Let the zephyr sigh or the tempest blow,  
Let the tossing waves roll high or low,  
Let the world go fast or the world go slow,

Good Betas sing forever.

In the hopeful ray of the morning light,  
In the twilight gloom of the gathering night,  
When the stars are hid or the heavens are bright,

Good Betas sing forever.

*Chorus—*

Then sing we the song of the young and the strong,  
Of the friends of the right and the foes of the wrong;

For our hopes are bright and our hearts are light,  
And the songs of joy are our songs to-night.

We are bold and free as the birds that fly  
In the azure depths of the boundless sky,  
And we sing like them as the days go by;  
    Good Betas sing forever.

We heed not the flight of the rolling years,  
And the yearly round of the circling spheres,  
For our joys are full and we know no fears;  
    Good Betas sing forever.

For our hopes are bright and the world is wide,  
And we launch our skiff on the outward tide,  
And we sing as we sail, whatever betide;  
    Good Betas sing forever.

We sing as we sail from our sheltered lea  
To the summer isles or the wintry sea,  
Wherever our course or our port may be;  
    Good Betas sing forever.

Here's a song for the joys of the days gone by,  
And a song for the joys that before us lie,  
And a song for both, with never a sigh;  
    Good Betas sing forever.

Let the zephyr sigh or the tempest blow,  
Let the tossing waves roll high or low,  
Let the world go fast or the world go slow;  
    Good Betas sing forever.

An unofficial edition of the songs was issued at Indianapolis in 1899. It is a duodecimo book of 58 pages. The songs are printed without the music. It was bound in a reddish brown paper cover and displayed the title "Songs | of the | Beta Theta Pi | Fraternity. | Presented

to | the Indianapolis Alumni | 1899." It is practically a reprint of the edition of 1888 but contains thirteen songs not found in that collection, one being a song of the Mystic Seven.

Several small collections of songs have been printed for use at banquets and the like.

One of our songs which is of the "Nonsense" character, based upon the advertisement of a popular breakfast food called "Force," has been very popular at conventions, and is reproduced below. It has been written since the edition of 1902.

### **Sunny Jim**

Air: "The Pope" (in all college song-books).

(Adapted by Geo. W. Bellows, Ohio State, '05, after a version by the Kenyon Glee Club.)

Jim Dumps he led a sorry life, sorry life;  
He had the meanest kind o' wife, kind o' wife.  
The babies they would always get the croup  
And they would yell like billy whoop—  
The babies they would always get the croup  
And they would yell like billy whoop.

At last, all driven to despair, to despair,  
Jim Dumps got up and tore his hair, and tore his hair;  
At last his wife brought home some Force to him  
And Force has made him Sunny Jim—  
At last his wife brought home some Force to him  
And Force has made him Sunny Jim.

A little frog sat on a well, on a well,  
And sang with fire in his eye, in his eye  
Sang he, I am a Theta Delta man,

A dear old Beta Theta Pi,  
Sang he, I am a Theta Delta man,  
A dear old Beta Theta Pi.

We will conclude our review of our literature on this subject by transcribing a sentiment by a recent undergraduate who caught the spirit of the fraternity singing and has expressed it skillfully in verse, as follows:

### A Beta Song

By Monica Byrd, Bethany, '05.

O sing me a bit of a Beta song,  
For fellowship and cheer,  
No other music rings so long  
In a Beta's heart and ear,  
For the words are brave, and the words are true,  
And the air won't drag along;  
Go find a Beta boy or two,  
To sing a Beta song.

The stormy opera passes by,  
The master's band is gone,  
The mighty strains grow dim and die,  
We lose them, one by one;  
But change may come, and years take wing,  
Till we all are silver grays,  
And still the Beta boys will sing  
The songs of Beta days.

### PERIODICALS OTHER THAN THE MAGAZINE.

The Mystical Seven maintained a creditable publication from 1886 to 1890, when it was merged into the *Beta Theta Pi* upon the union of the two fraternities. It was called the *Mystic Messenger*, and was begun with the

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With this issue closes the second volume. That the decision of the fraternity to issue the MESSENGER quarterly was a wise one, is now evident to all. We can see how much it has helped in uniting the chapters, stirring up an interest in one another and arousing a more general interest among the alumni. We sometimes wonder what would be the present position of the fraternity if we had always had a publication, and it fills us with much regret to look back upon the dark ages of our existence when the brethren were even too indolent to transcribe the minutes of regular meetings, much less try to do anything for our advancement. It seems strange that the love for the fraternity could become so faint and so selfish as it then was. The members were content to enjoy themselves without a thought of what they might accomplish in the fraternity world. Every year we are gaining, and the MESSENGER is filling an important position. As we increase

Facsimile of a page of the journal of the Mystical Seven.



publication of Volume I., No. 1, in June, 1886, Cooper D. Schmitt being the editor. It was a large octavo of 28 pages, with a light brown paper cover, and contained the report of the chief executive, certain statistics of the chapters, and a short historical sketch of the fraternity, with the reports of the chapters, the rolls of some of them, and various general articles. The articles were usually signed with the mystical names of the members. This number contained no imprint, and nothing indicated the place of publication or the address of the editor.

The next number, of 28 pages, was called Volume II., No 1, and was dated November, 1886. The editor-in-chief was still Cooper D. Schmitt; M. H. H. Caldwell, of Concord, N. C., was alumnus editor, and the chapter editors were Frank Muller, University of Virginia; Robert G. Sparrow, Davidson College, and M. W. Edgerton, University of North Carolina. It consisted of chapter notes, letters and miscellaneous correspondence. No. 2 of this volume was dated January, 1887, was enlarged to 32 pages, and contained about the same amount of matter, only more systematically arranged. Its first cover page bore the legend, "Published Quarterly by the Mystic Seven Fraternity | Terms of Subscription, \$1.00 for Four Numbers | Entered as Second-class Matter at the Post-office at Charlottesville, Va. | Charlottesville, Jeffersonian Print." No. 3 was dated April, 1887, and contained the announcement of the semi-centennial convention to be held in June. There

were good letters from all the chapters, some timely gossip and personals grouped under the head of "Messages." No. 4, dated July, 1887, of 26 pages, showed no change in style or management. It contained the report of the chief executive which, among other items, included an account of the attempt to re-establish communication with the bastard senior society of the Owl & Wand, at Wesleyan University, that society then being thought to be a legitimate though indifferent chapter. The chapter reports and correspondence, together with the minutes of the semi-centennial convention, concluded the number.

Volume III. opened with No. 1, of 28 pages, was dated November, 1887, and showed no change in style or management, except changes in the chapter editors. It contained chapter reports, some historical notes, and the usual quota of "messages." No. 2, dated February, 1888, contained 30 pages. It had chapter reports and good historical articles on the Wesleyan and Mississippi chapters. The former was from the pen of Geo. H. Stone, Wesleyan, '67, who, while evincing a deep interest in the fraternity, neglected to inform the Mystics that he had been chiefly instrumental in causing the destruction of the parent chapter, and in transferring its practices and ritual to a senior society. There were no more numbers in this volume. The journal suspended for lack of support, and was not revived until April, 1889, when Volume IV. was opened by the issue of No. 1. of 66 pages, under the direction of Herbert

Barry, of Warrentown, Va. This number contained the usual chapter reports, and article on "A Japanese Dinner Party," by Charles M. Bradbury, Virginia, '88; one of "Observation in Greece," by Dr. Gonzalez Lodge, of the Davidson chapter, with careful and well-written histories of the temple of the Hands & Torch, at the University of Virginia, the temple of the "Sword & Shield," at Davidson College, and the temple of the "Star of the South," at the University of North Carolina. It also contained a complete roll of the temple of the "Hands & Torch." It announced that thereafter the *Mystic Messenger* would be issued semi-annually. The union with B @ II, however, obviated the necessity for continuing it, and it has been merged into the older journal of the united order, which, since January, 1890, has borne the legend, "With which has been united the *Mystic Messenger*."

When the A Σ X fraternity united with B @ II, some of the new chapters felt that they needed some means to bring their alumni in harmony and touch with their new fraternity relations. The Stevens and Cornell chapters accordingly commenced the issue of chapter periodicals. Each of these was printed on the hektograph, and was a small quarto in form. Each contained the full roll of members of the chapter. That of Stevens was called "*Sigma's Alumnus*." It ran through two volumes, the numbers of which were as follows: Vol. I., No. 1, February, 1881; No. 2, March, 1881; No. 3, April, 1881; No. 4, May, 1881. Vol. II., No. 1, November, 1881;

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**H**ERE beginneth the second Recital on  
Phi's Organ.

 The theme is called "The Dance,"  
and it is written in either valse or  
two-step time; you can take your choice.

Nearly everybody knows by now that the Annual dance of Phi Chapter will be held this year on the evening of Wednesday, February 21. The day set is the night before Washington's birthday, so that there will be almost time enough for undergraduates to get back to college in time for chapel, and for graduates to return to their labors before Friday.

To say that this year's Dance will come up to the high standard of former years is to express mildly what we really think it is going to be. The Dance will eclipse everything like it ever held before. The Germantown Cricket Club, at Manheim, will be as last year, the scene thereof, and the music will be by Professor Beale, the famous orchestrien. (The singing society is requested to remain silent.) It is hoped that all

Facsimile of Phi Chapter Journal.

No. 2, January, 1882; No. 3 has no date, but must have been issued in February, 1882; No. 4, April, 1882. That of Cornell was called "*The Beta Delta Chapter Chronicle*," and only one volume, containing two numbers, was issued, in May and June, 1881. We reproduce the first page of the Stevens journal. This number, which is a fair sample of the others, contained short biographies of the initiates of February, 1881; viz, William T. Magruder, William S. Dilworth, Richard Lee Fearn, Joseph C. Minton and Harvey F. Mitchell, under the caption of "Our Babies;" an account of "The New Machine Shop;" a little historical sketch of "Alpha Sigma Chi," and, on the last page, a list of the alumni and active members.

It is not known that any of the other chapters ever followed a similar plan.

In 1905-'06 the chapter at the University of Pennsylvania issued a little four page journal called "The Dorg" and about the same time the Ohio chapter issued a similar journal called "The Grip."

*The Mystic Messenger of Beta Theta Pi* was the name of a secret periodical, the first number of which was issued March 1, 1890, by Charles M. Hepburn, the then editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*. It was sent in sealed envelopes to those members of the fraternity who paid 50 cents per year for it, but its issue was spasmodic, and it was finally discontinued by order of the convention.

It was a four or eight-paged octavo circular, printed in brevier type. Its primary purposes, as stated in the

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### THE MYSTIC MESSENGER.

**A**N editorial in the last number of *The Beta Theta Pi* announced that it was proposed to establish a secret monthly edition of that magazine treating of matters which should not be published to the world. Such an edition has long been contemplated. It has been felt that until Beta Theta Pi should have both a monthly magazine treating generally of the fraternity and going out to all the world, and also a secret monthly encyclical, informing the chapters of the inner workings of Beta Theta Pi, our fraternity system would be dangerously incomplete. Unfortunately the demands upon the treasury are heavy. Lack of means has long rendered the extra expenditure necessary for such a publication financially inexpedient. But each month inculcates anew its necessity from a regard for the fraternity's welfare. And so with this first day of March, **THE MYSTIC MESSENGER OF BETA THETA PI** makes its first appearance, to reappear the first of each month hereafter during the college year.

### SUB ROSA

**T**HE Rose was the flower of secrecy and sacred to the God of Silence. At their feasts, as Ovid (is it not?) has it, the ancients suspended the rose above their tables that the guests might know that what was there said was to be kept secret. Bear in mind, brother Betas, that the rose, the flower of Beta Theta Pi, is above this sheet. What is here given is given *sub rosa*: it is not intended for the world at large; and, so far as you can prevent, should not be permitted to pass outside of the circle of your Beta friends. **THE MYSTIC MESSENGER** is intended especially for the chapters, in whose hands the welfare of Beta Theta Pi rests so largely.

It should not be inferred, however, that **THE MYSTIC MESSENGER** is to be devoted exclusively to the announcement of grave secrets, the knowledge of which by our rivals would seriously embarrass the progress of our order or imperil the achievement of contemplated ends. Now and then, indeed, a matter of some such importance may be brought to the attention of the chapters through these pages. But we shall have much to say concerning other matters, of a merely domestic nature, as it were—a word of encouragement to some weak chapter, of advice to some erring, or of warning to some lazy (we use the word advisedly) chapter or cor. sec., or of hearty commendation of prompt, painstaking, and effective work by chapters or individuals. We shall keep the chapters informed of the doings of the Board of Directors, so far as they are given us for such publication. We shall point

prospectus, was to treat of the more private affairs of the fraternity, and to give information concerning them, but it soon became a sort of supplemental circular letter of the regular magazine, and probably its lack of support was due to this fact. All of the numbers were printed in Cincinnati, and, so far as known, were issued as follows: Vol. I., No. 1, March 1, 1890; No. 2, April 1, 1890; No. 3, May 1, 1890; No. 4, June 2, 1890; No. 5, September 15, 1890. Vol. II., No. 1 not issued; No. 2, November 15, 1890; No. 3, December 23, 1890; No. 4, January-February, 1891. Vol. III., No. 1, March, 1892, and No. 2, June 1, 1892.

#### THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

Previous to 1879, the constitution remained in manuscript, and was copied for the use of the chapters. The convention of 1879 ordered the constitution printed, and the first copies were supplied to the A Σ X chapters in October of that year, printed in pink and blue on demi-folio sheets of paper. This form proved inconvenient, and the General Secretary was requested by the convention of 1884 to print the constitution and laws in one book, and the several editions since then have been as follows: The edition of 1885 is an 80-page pamphlet, 16mo. in size. The title page reads: "Constitution | and | Laws | of the | Beta Theta Pi | (*cut of the badge*) | Published by Order | of the | Forty-fifth Annual Convention," Columbus, O., 1885. It contains the constitution of 1879, with the amendments of 1881 to 1884 incorporated in the text. Following this are the laws as

condified in 1882, with the amendments embodied in the text. Succeeding this are several blank pages for inserting amendments, and it concludes with the standard by-laws for the government of alumni chapters adopted by the 45th convention.

The edition of 1890 bears a similar title page: "Constitution | and | Laws | of the | Beta Theta Pi | (*cut of the badge*) | Second Edition, with Notes | Published by Order | of the | Fiftieth Annual Convention, 1890." This edition contained the constitution and laws, with all the amendments to date, and in addition was enriched with 64 explanatory notes from the pen of J. Cal. Hanna, who printed it. It consisted of 92 pages of matter, each a full third larger than the pages of the previous edition.

The edition of 1892 bore the title, "Constitution | and | Laws | of the | Beta Theta Pi | Adopted by the XXXIX. and XL. Annual Convention and | Revised and Adopted by the LII. and LIII. | Annual Conventions | (*cut of the badge*) | Third Edition | With Notes | by | John Calvin Hanna | Published | By Order of the | Fifty-third Annual Convention." Columbus, O., 1892. It consists of 150 pages of fine type, including the text of the constitution and laws. An appendix to the laws contained the amendments of 1891 and 1892, and 121 explanatory notes, and concludes with a list of the officers of the fraternity. Slips containing the amendments of 1893, and adapted to be pasted in



place, were also prepared and sent to the chapters in October, 1893.

As related elsewhere the convention of 1895 appointed a commission consisting of Wyllys C. Ransom, William A. Hamilton and J. Cal. Hanna to draft a new constitution. Their report was adopted and they were then instructed to prepare a code of laws in harmony with the new constitution. The whole instrument is known as the "Constitution and Laws of 1897." These changes necessitated a new edition which was prepared by Brother Hanna and has several times been reprinted for the use of the fraternity. The title page reads "Code | of | Beta Theta Pi | including | The Constitution | (*cut of the badge*) | and | The Laws | adopted by the LVIII. General Convention | held at | Niagara Falls, New York | on the | 16th, 17th, 19th and 20th of July | A. D. 1897." The old size and style was continued and the book had 80 pages and an index and contained the helpful notes prepared by Brother Hanna.

Since 1897 as new laws have been enacted slips containing them have been prepared to be pasted in the book. These have been very few because happily the epoch of constitution "tinkering" in Beta Theta Pi is over.

The administration of J. Cal. Hanna as General Secretary also saw the publication of the "Secretary's Manual," of which there have been two editions, in 1885 and 1890 respectively. The edition of 1885 is a brown paper-covered book, imperial, 32mo in size, and of 21 pages.

Its title is, "A Manual of Instruction | for the | Corresponding Secretaries | of the | Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, 1885," and it consisted chiefly of instructions as to the manner of preparing the annual and other reports which the secretaries should make. The edition speedily became exhausted, and a second edition was issued in 1890. Its scope was much enlarged, and it was printed uniformly with the then current edition of the constitution. It was entitled, "A Manual of Instruction | for the | Members | of the | Beta Theta Pi Fraternity' | Columbus, Ohio, 1889." It contains 70 pages of closely printed matter. It describes the larger and more obvious features of the fraternity, and is admonitory, explanatory and expostulatory by turns.

#### MEMBERSHIP LISTS.

Several membership lists have been issued at different times and places. Many of these have been mere broadsides or folders giving the list of members in a city or state, some have formed a part of chapter letters issued to alumni. A few, however, have had a more permanent character and will briefly be referred to.

The earliest of these is "The Indianapolis Alumni | of the | Beta Theta Pi | April, 1898;" issued by Maverick Terrell of the DePauw chapter. It is a little book bound in boards, blue on one side and pink on the other, with the title printed in gold. It contained the list of officers of the Indianapolis Alumni chapter for 1898-99 and an alphabetical list of the alumni giving their names, chapter, residence, occupation and business address. It also con-

tained a list of the general officers of the fraternity, a memorandum referring to the magazine and a list of all of the alumni and active chapters arranged by districts.

The next is a "Catalog | of | Chicago Alumni Chapter" issued in April, 1902. It gives a list of the officers of the alumni chapter and then a list of all of the Betas in Chicago, with their chapter, name, residence, occupation and telephone number. It is bound in gray paper and bears on the last cover page an advertisement of the "Educational Register Company" who issued it as an advertisement.

A similar list was issued in 1906 under the same auspices. It was interleaved with memorandum pages and had a red and blue paper cover.

In 1905 the Cleveland Alumni Chapter, through Walter L. Flory, issued a very neat paper bound catalogue of the alumni residing in Cleveland.

In 1904 James T. Brown prepared and the New York Alumni Association published a book of "Members | of | Beta Theta Pi | residing in | New York City | and vicinity." It contained 48 pages and was bound in cloth with a side title in gold. The names were arranged alphabetically and were followed by the chapter and class, occupation, business address and residence.

In January, 1907, a new edition of this New York list was issued, also prepared by James T. Brown. It contained 72 pages and was bound in red buckram with a side stamp of the coat of arms inclosed in a beaded oval in gold.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

The first piece of music dedicated to or named after the fraternity was the "Beta Waltz," by Mrs. Kate Hunter, wife of Alexander Hunter, of the Hanover chapter, and residing at Louisville. It is a pretty, melodious piece of four pages, written in the key of B flat. The lithographed cover displays a rustic arch, from the top of which the badge is hung, over a knot of ribbon and a star. Underneath is the title, "Beta | Waltz | Composed and Respectfully Dedicated to the | Beta Theta Pi | by | Mrs. Kate Hunter | Louisville." It was copyrighted in 1856 and the authoress was thanked by the convention for her graceful dedication of the music to the fraternity.

Of the remaining instrumental pieces dedicated to the fraternity, the "Beta Theta Pi Waltzes," by James C. Macy, and published in 1878 by S. Brainard's Sons, of Cleveland, Ohio, is probably best known. They display a highly illuminated cover in red, black and gold, with the name "Beta Theta Pi" at the top in large ornamental type; in the center is a gilt panel, enclosing the illustration used by © chapter in the catalogue of 1881. The music consists of six large pages, and is a pleasing refrain.

Another piece of dance music is the "Students' Gallop," by Miss Katie Randolph Sheets, of Indianapolis. It was dedicated to the fraternity, and first published in 1877, by Wm. A. Pond & Co., of New York, but this firm discontinued its issue in 1881, or 1882, and we do not now know where it can be obtained.

A third piece is a march by Karl Ruger published by Lyon & Healy and dedicated to the Virginia Chapter.

A fourth piece is the "B Θ Π March" by Louis A. Rutter, dedicated to the Omicron chapter and published in 1897 by Otto Sutro & Co., of Baltimore.

Two pieces of instrumental music are by members of the fraternity, one the "Grande Marche de Wooglin," by C. E. Haworth, Colgate, '82, published by the Chicago Music Company in 1889, and another, the "B Θ Π Two-step," by Norton Dodge, Northwestern, '97, and dedicated to the Cornell Chapter.

In 1892, and perhaps in 1891 and 1893, calendars were issued having special reference to dates prominent in the fraternity. The writer has only been able to obtain a copy of the issue of 1892. It consisted of 24 leaves, having a front and back cover of pink cardboard, the whole perforated at the top, and held together by suspension rivets. The front cover displayed the title, "Beta Theta Pi | (*dragon cut*) | Calendar | for | 1892 | Issued by G. R. Hoskins, Gardner, Massachusetts," surrounded by sundry ornamental rules. As the dates prominent in fraternity annals did not lend themselves readily to symmetrical arrangement, the value of the information on the several leaves varies greatly. It was a pleasing example of fraternity enthusiasm.

Several of the chapters, notably those at St. Lawrence, Maine, Butler and Dickinson, have published college annuals unaided by other college organizations, and there are other ephemeral publications which might be mentioned, but they have not been of sufficient importance.



## CHAPTER XIV.

### *The Testimony of Experience.*

Those who have been members of the fraternity need no justification for the interest they feel in it, and it is perhaps to most of us a matter of indifference what outsiders think of it. But it may be of value to our undergraduates, and those who are about to enter our ranks, to know what the verdict of years has been with others whose opinions concerning other matters are entitled to respect.

Men are not apt, in this age, to give public expression to their feelings, and it is, therefore, difficult to find many public utterances concerning the fraternity, and none are known to us that have been given expression, other than the frank, outspoken opinion of the speaker at the moment. In the quoted extracts which follow there will be found expression of opinion from men in all walks in life, but chiefly from those whose prominence gives their uttered expressions weight.

We find nowhere any statement of the value of the fraternity made for the sake of influencing opinion. Our record does not need it. At the convention of 1890 Willis O. Robb, long an ardent worker for the fraternity, felicitously phrased its deeper meaning as follows:

Brethren of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the fraternal relation that is to some of us so dear a present joy, to others so hallowed a memory, is to all of us something more than we are wont to think it. It consists not in forms or rites, in organization, or bodies of laws; these are mere machinery. Nor does its chief glory lie even in the several friendships it produces and shelters, dear as these are, unrivalled as they must always be in freshness and in youthful ardor. Behind and beneath both these aspects lies its more essential character, its capacity of culture. Its richest gifts are not friends, but the desire, the power and the habit of making friends. These constitute the real "fraternity spirit."

The same speaker, fifteen years afterward when he had broadened his experience expressed his riper judgment in the following happy phrase:

Again, the Beta is distinguishable and distinguished from all other kinds of fraternity men whatsoever by just a little warmer and stronger, just a little tenderer and more enduring fraternity feeling than any of them can attain to. For it was always so. I do not in the least know how it happened, nor why it persisted after it happened, but a long time ago there came into B Θ Π a fraternity spirit that was, and is, and apparently will continue to be, unique. We know it, who are inside, and they see and record it who are outside the Beta pale. Whether young or old, in college or out, from the small school or the great university, we are conscious of a heritage of genuine fraternalism that has not been vouchsafed in like measure—I say it deliberately—to any other of the great college fraternities. And we cannot doubt that in this, as in other respects, our "future will copy fair our past," and that in the world of fifty years from now, as in that of years ago,—as in that that lies around us to-day—the first mark of a Beta will be his Beta spirit.



Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, as his thoughts reverted to his college days, remembered the lessons of sympathy and helpfulness taught in his chapter's halls and said:

Whatever, therefore, concerns our fellow man ought to be a matter of concern to us all. I know that such has been, and now is, the feeling of every genuine Beta, wherever he may reside, and whatever his calling. "Here we meet in joys fraternal, meet to cheer our brothers on;" so sang the Betas at the very beginning of their organization in years ago, and thus they are singing to-day. We will never grow weary of singing in that strain. Our hearts' best sympathies go out to our brethren, wherever in this broad land their lot has been cast. Indeed, as true Betas, our sympathies go out to every human being of whatever organization, and whether belonging to any organization or not, who is bravely struggling in the line of duty.

His colleague, Justice Brewer, who came to us from the Mystic Seven, but who recognized promptly the tie of the fraternity, stated the underlying idea of the fraternity in 1896, as follows:

I call you brethren, and indeed we are brethren, not by ties of blood, but by those of association and affection. We constitute one of many similar brotherhoods, extending into every part of the nation, which by virtue of their fraternal power form no insignificant factor in preserving the national unity and life. In unity is strength, but unity, to be a source of strength, must be real and not artificial, in fact, not in form alone. There must be a union of hearts as well as hands. \* \* \* \* \*

We are apt to belittle the fraternal influence of these societies. They mean something more than banquets and a good time; they mean fellowship and friendship. They bind heart to heart, and every one of our number is a brother to all the

rest. We ask not whether he be from Texas or Tennessee, from New Jersey or New Hampshire; it is enough that he is a Beta Theta Pi. And thus, while enjoying all the good cheer and the good fellowship which come out of this society, with its large membership and frequent gatherings, we are at the same time unconsciously welding invisible but potent bands of love to bind the mighty fabric of our national life into solid and immortal union.

And so, as my thought runs to the potency of these fraternities, in the realization of the declared purpose of the national Constitution "in order to form a more perfect Union" and to the historic achievements of the nation that Union created, I am led to inquire. What is the true greatness of American citizenship. In the days of Imperial Rome, the declaration, "I am a Roman citizen," was a passport to the respect and welcome throughout the civilized world. "I am an American citizen" is a grander declaration. It is to-day the highest human title to honor and respect.

Rev. Oliver A. Brown, a prominent Methodist clergyman, told the Washington Betas in 1892:

Nearly thirty years have passed away since I was initiated into the mysteries of our order. At that time our society was among the youngest, and, I may add, among the feeblest, of the Greek letter societies, because the rebellion had severed from us the chapters in the south. But in that time, our society has grown as years have grown, until to-day it stands in the forefront with the strongest of those like organizations, in nearly all our great colleges and universities, which enrich our land and train our youth. As childhood, and youth, and early manhood largely determine what are to be the character and worth of a man, so the early years of an organization ought to assure a word of prophecy concerning its after history. \* \* \* Our motto holds forever before every Beta a lofty ideal. It summons us to the attainment of all that is highest and best in

human life and character. And not only is this matter an inspiration, promising well for the future, but the conditions and requirements for membership in our order promise still more. \* \* \* These conditions were founded not on wealth, not on social rank, \* \* \* but upon an active brain and a good heart, and to these the doors of Beta Theta Pi have ever been open, and they have always received a cordial welcome. The result has been that in almost every university where the society has been situated the names of Betas are found at the head of the honorable roll of scholarship and deportment.

Which may be aptly followed by the statement of Dr. Richard McIlvaine, made while president of Hampden-Sidney College, an institution of the old school:

Inducted into the Beta Theta Pi fraternity when I was seventeen years old, in 1852, I can remember the influence which was exerted on me, teaching me to aspire for higher and better things than I had yet conceived of, and as I have lately learned that we have so many college presidents, it has seemed to me that perhaps we might account for this fact by their union with Beta Theta Pi when they were young, for if there is any human organization the principles of which should be carried out by those entrusted with the responsibilities which devolve on the chief officers of our colleges, it is found in our order.

Further testimony to the value of membership in the fraternity is found in the following remark of Dr. George W. F. Birch, himself a clergyman of experience and a long time professor:

I claim for our fraternity the cultivation of manhood. Sincerity, purity, true moral excellencies, intellectual power and gentlemanly instincts have, during all its existence, passed current among the disciples of Wooglin. The straight line to those things is the shortest in Beta-dom as well as in mathematics, and certainly a fraternity which numbers preachers by the hun-

dred deserves the tribute from the preacher that the training extended under the principles of our order tends to a Christianity without cant. *We* know the good that there is in our fraternity; the outside world knows it, for in the history of half a century is set the story of what a good thing it is.

Senator McDill, of Iowa, recalling his boyish experiences, told the alumni in 1892:

I remember the old society and our little meetings in the Erodelphian Hall with a great deal of pleasure. We were informal sort of boys. I do not recollect what our ritual was. I believe we had some wonderful secrets. \* \* \* I think one of the great advantages of being selected to membership in a fraternal society, at least to a modest boy, lies in the fact that he has been selected. There is many a boy who goes up to college from his country home without any great appreciation of himself or the possibilities that are within him, and when he finds able and scholarly men—young men of his age—selecting him, it kindles a fire in him that never ceases to burn.

This may be fittingly supplemented by the opinion of Hon. James Lyon, of Virginia:

It has been twenty years since I was made a member of this society. I have been present at many festive occasions, but they have proven to me the eternal fitness of this order. Here we all greet one another as brothers; we recognize no state lines; we recognize no sections, no divisions, but hand grips into hand, but eye looks in eye, and heart beats against heart—all loving, loyal Beta brothers.

Stronger testimony to the value of the non-sectional and broadly national character of the organization is, however, found in the following reminiscence of Hon. J. S. Wise, of Virginia, related at the Hoadly dinner in New York:

Toward the fraternity I feel an unfeigned tenderness, the result of early association. I joined at the University of Virginia, in the autumn of 1865. Many of you are too young to remember so far back, and but few of you who are old enough can appreciate the circumstances by which I was surrounded when I joined it. As a youth of 19, I had escaped the surrender of General Lee, and, following the fortunes of the Confederacy, I had joined the army of General Johnston, and surrendered in North Carolina. Thence I returned to Virginia, with nothing left but a ragged Confederate uniform and a good constitution. The war had interrupted the education of all the southern youth, but we lost no time in taking up the broken thread, and October found me a student at the University of Virginia. The old place more resembled a camp than a college, for most of us still wore our uniforms, being too poor to buy other clothes. Our conversation and thoughts partook still of a decidedly military flavor, for what was to be the future of our section and our people was the all-absorbing question of the hour. The people beyond the Potomac were still our foes; the passions of war had not subsided, and the clouds had not rolled away; men were still begrimed with powder, their cheeks were still flushed with the terrible passion of years; the silence succeeding the roar of battle was oppressive, and no voice of love had come from out the gloom. Imagine, then, to yourselves what impression was made upon a boy so situated by the first fraternal messages which came to us from our northern and western brethren. They were not written in the cold and formal diplomacy of men contending for advantage of position. The messages came with the fresh buoyancy of boys. They were inquiries for old comrades and friends; they were words of love and encouragement; they were filled with the wish that our chapter should be re-established, and the old fraternity and cordiality should be restored, without condition or reserve. In every line and in every sentence we were made to realize that the bitterness of the conflict was over, that there were those in

the land of our enemies who yearned to be once more our brethren and our friends.

These first messages came to my ear with a sweetness gratifying and refreshing as the bluebird's note at the break of day, when the fevered night is passing off. The call was as tender and timid as the voice of the piping quail, when it invites the reassembling of the scattered covey after the havoc of the sportsmen has swept on to other fields.

In all these things youth is more impressible a thousand times than manhood, and youthful impressions survive a thousand things of more importance which happen in our later years. I entered into the spirit of our college fraternity with great enthusiasm, enjoyed the association with its members very greatly, and severed my connection with it upon leaving college with more regret, perhaps, than I felt at the dissolution of any other college tie. Ever since, when the opportunity has been afforded, it has given me great pleasure to join in our meetings, thus reviving memories of a very happy period of life, and the recollection of many noble fellows from whom the lapse of years has separated me; and renewing to some extent the youthful feelings, hopes, aspirations and uncertainties which make that the happiest period in the life of every man.

Hon. Andrew J. Poppleton, Michigan, '51, who was one of the chapter which left the university rather than surrender his membership in the fraternity, and was orator at the convention of 1878, touchingly alluded to it as follows:

It is with no slight degree of hesitancy that I have undertaken the duty before me. It is twenty-seven years since I have spoken, eye to eye, with any segment of the brotherhood in whose safe guardianship my unused feet were first planted upon the ever-living rock of truth, fidelity and honor. Then it was to announce my choice between the renunciation of my sacred associations, and the shelter of the university, since grown so

great and honored, of which I was a member. And if, across the waste of that long pilgrimage, there comes to-night a single recollection which glides into my soul with a soothing, healing, tranquilizing power, it is the thought that, boy as I was, I never counted recantation as a possibility, but coolly, patiently, firmly, inflexibly and unflinchingly kept the faith, and with a heart not over troubled went out to face the world and its frowns without the benediction of the university of my native state. I believed then I was right, and year by year, as my horizon has broadened and life has one by one yielded its rewards to strenuous endeavor, the conviction has deepened until that crucial hour seems the inspiration of a lifetime.

No one, perhaps had wider experience in life than Schuyler Colfax, and in 1882 he wrote:

In my wandering life over the country, lecturing from New England to Nebraska, the pleasantest hours of all, the brightest and best remembered, are when I have happened to be where there is a chapter of our fraternity, with whose members I generally spend a social hour most delightfully after the lecture. And it rejoices me to find everywhere that not only are Beta principles elevating, inspiring, ennobling, indeed, but that from east to west our brethren are resolved that no other college society shall excel ours in the cultivation and development of the loftiest principles of true American manhood. And since my initiation by Delta chapter, in July, 1854, nearly thirty years ago, I have never known the order to be stronger in its *personnel*, enjoying more healthful growth, and with so many excellent prospects for even a more successful future. So may it be!

The opinions of two early fellow-workers in Ohio may be of interest. Stanley Matthews, of the old Cincinnati chapter, wrote in 1881:

There are but few survivors now of the young men who, like myself, became members of the society in the earliest days of

its organization, but I recall them to mind with the memory of many delightful associations. It is pleasant to think that they have perpetuated their memories and influence in the society of Beta Theta Pi, which, beyond their expectations, has so grown and flourished. *Esto perpetua!*

Which may be followed by the remark of Governor Hoadly, in 1887:

Among the recollections of my college days, the most pleasant are those connected with what was then the Gamma chapter at Western Reserve College. Forty-three years, nearly, have passed since I left college, but my affection for the society has not weakened with time.

And he further said, upon the occasion of his welcome to New York by the Beta Theta Pi:

When the project of giving me a public reception by the Betas of New York was first broached, I did not feel that I was worthy of it, but after reading over a bundle of Beta correspondence of my early days, I could not have the heart to refuse anything that would bring a band of Betas together, young and old, and permit us to revive the pleasant associations that cluster around the name. The old letters revived anew in me the old spirit and feeling that I had in those days, and the same old friendships and enthusiasms of my college days came back to me. It seems a little strange to me now, when viewed in the light of my maturer judgment, how it was that I could have had such a violent and relentless opposition to Alpha Delta Phi, with which my letters of 1843 and '44 seem filled. The Alphas were our only foes, and we went for their scalps with all the enthusiasm imaginable.

At first, violent opposition to secret societies upon the part of the faculty obtained. Our chapter was the outcome of a local society, called the Boannergian Club, and their name, "Sons of Thunder," fitted the case exactly. The Alphas were good students, and by their literary exercises and high scholarship



won a truce from the faculty, but the Betas came in for the wrath that was left over. What was to be done to get out of this difficulty? It struck some member of the Beta chapter that the solution lay in having the Betas take the college honors away from the Alphas, and the "Sons of Thunder" took to their books, and before the next term had set in the Alphas were distanced. It was done, and it was done by such men as our distinguished scientific friend, Prof. John S. Newberry, who now sits at my side. After we had raised our scholarship above the Alphas, we invited the president of our college to investigate the workings of Beta Theta Pi, and he did, the result being that he became a member of our chapter.

John I. Covington, at the dinner given to him at Chicago in 1894, shortly before his death, paid this tribute to the fraternity to whose service he had given some of his life's best efforts:

For more than fifty years Beta Theta Pi has been the sign-manual of noble, manly friendship. It has stimulated our best aspirations and sustained our loftiest ambitions. It has been a privilege to live under its influence, and if any one has enjoyed the privileges of our fraternity without being made a stronger and purer man, the fault lies in his nature and not in Beta Theta Pi. In the ocean there runs, unmarked by color and undiscoverable by the eye, a river, born under tropic skies, which carries on its broad bosom life, health and comfort far beyond the limits of perpetual ice. The iceberg bows before its gentle airs, the frost-bound vessels grow fresh within its margin waters. Quietly, irresistibly, continuously, the current bears its beneficencies along. Thus quietly, thus continuously in Beta Theta Pi, flows the gulf stream of unselfish friendship. What frozen shores it has covered with verdure, what health-restoring powers it has borne to chilled lives, will never be fully known until the mysteries of our human life are made clear in the light of eternity."

Governor Odell of New York on the occasion of the dinner tendered to him in 1901 at New York, expressed himself as follows:

It is over a quarter of a century ago since I became a Beta. It was down in the Panhandle of western Virginia—at Bethany College—where we had a chapter which those who were jealous of our success said was so small that we could all sleep in one bed. However, if we were few in number, we were great in enthusiasm. There was a great deal of good fellowship in all of our meetings which I believe were surrounded with more mystery than is known to the Betas of to-day.

I spent but one year there at Bethany, and then I came to Columbia College, as devoted and loyal to B Θ Π as I had been at Bethany. I spent, in fact, a whole year in endeavoring to secure a charter for the establishment of a chapter at Columbia, but I failed. The West did not look upon us in the East with the favor then that it does now. \* \* \* It is pleasant to look back upon one's boyhood days, and as I sat here to-night I began to think that I was getting old. It seemed an age ago since I took part in the ceremonies of our chapters at Bethany.

I believe that college training and associations, particularly those developed in college fraternities like our own, fits us for the business which we are called upon to face in the world. I have found men whom I knew in college, and who I thought at that time were not quite up to the mark, but who, by their close attention to their duties, have become among the most prominent men of our locality. Particularly is this true of those who have entered the political field.

And Governor Beaver of Pennsylvania, who was ill at home on the occasion of the Odell dinner, wrote as follows, showing how the fraternal tie exerts its influence where known, in a manner the uninitiated can never realize:

The strong hold which the fraternity feeling has upon me is well illustrated in the case of your honored guest. I felt interested as a Republican, in his election as governor of the great Empire State, but it was the interest which I would have had in any other man whom I believed worthy to occupy the distinguished place to which he has been called by his fellow-citizens; but when in the course of the campaign I learned that he was a member of Beta Theta Pi my feelings underwent a radical change. I immediately became personally and intensely interested in his success, and regretted that the proprieties which surround me in my official position and work forbade my taking any active part in a political campaign, otherwise I would have gladly volunteered for service as a spell-binder in New York.

If I were permitted to say anything upon the interesting occasion, it would be a word to and of and for the fraternity. As we grow older, we recognize what impresses itself upon the mind of any college man who will stop to think—that college friendships are among the closest and the dearest which are formed in this life. The importance, therefore, of care in selecting them and of having them of such a character as will endure and strengthen through life emphasizes the part which fraternity life plays in helping to make the selection. Modern fraternity life, which brings the members of each chapter together in their own home and under their own vine, with dear old Wooglin as their patron saint, with Beta colors on the flag pole, the Beta standard regulating the selection of members, Beta principles governing their intercourse one with another, and Beta love and sympathy and helpfulness pervading the atmosphere of the entire home, is at once the sweetest flower and the most perfect fruitage of the social side of college life. It not only binds men together in mutual sympathy and helpfulness at the most impressionable period of life, but it lays the foundations for those strong and lasting friendships which bind heart to heart and life to life throughout the earthly pilgrimage and will, we

are assured, be continued into the beyond, and will furnish a not unimportant part of the enjoyments from which all that is sordid and selfish shall be eliminated and in which "we shall know even as also we are known." From this thought there comes to those of us who are farther along in the journey of life the lesson of helpfulness to our younger brethren who, in their several places, are endeavoring to live to illustrate and to exemplify the principles of Beta Theta Pi.

Governor Francis, of Missouri, president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904, meeting the assembled delegates to the convention, said:

"I have come to join in your good fellowship, and I ask you to permit me to participate in your good time as one of yourselves. I hope that B Θ Π may prosper and that every member may feel that, whatever satisfaction comes to him from his college life, an additional distinction has been given to him by reason of his relationship to the fraternity.

"Washington University chapter, in its early days when I was one of its active members, tried to have the best men there were in the university. I am glad to say that those after that time have kept up the standard,—this should be the ambition of every chapter.

"As the pioneers of the West led in the opening up of the country and compelled the Louisiana Purchase—the great event in history which we here celebrate—so B Θ Π has led in the West and will lead everywhere."

Governor Bates of Massachusetts, speaking in 1895 at one of the annual New England dinners, paid his tribute to the value and standing of the fraternity in the following words:

"The most lonesome place on earth is in the heart that finds itself surrounded by a seething sea of humanity, when not a face is friendly, and not a voice is known, and where every form is

a stranger. Unhappy he, who in pursuit of ambition, has climbed to such dizzy heights that, above his fellow men, he is left alone; unhappy the monarch who has not sympathy or association with his subjects. Unhappy he who leaves the home on the hillside to go forth into the world to seek learning, ambitious, brave and honest, when he finds himself under new surroundings, where every being is a stranger and no eye responds to his."

"It is to such a one that our college fraternity appeals, with its unrevealed mysteries, its warm fireside, and its genial manhood. For fifty years it stretches into the past, and the honorable record of its achievement is an open book. To-day, the ideal fraternity must have a past about which traditions gather. It must have been a past of elevating tendencies which show worthy products. The fraternity we honor has never had occasion to be ashamed of its history."

"The mysteries of a fraternity must be such as to lift up and not degrade those to whom they are made known. He who dares do all that becomes a man, need not hesitate, when invitation is extended, to penetrate to their deepest depths the mysteries of Beta Theta Pi."

James Lindsay Gordon, one of the few members of the short lived but brilliant chapter at William and Mary, told how his short chapter training had efficiently taught him the mission of the fraternity. At the Odell dinner, he said:

"This fraternity, in my judgment, has a higher mission than the mere passing of an idle hour; the mere congregation of young men for social enjoyment, because, as the Governor has said to-night in his opening speech, it is in that formative period of our lives at college that we first drink in those principles which are most apt to last and to endure. The love and affection which the Georgian of to-day pledges to the boy from Pennsylvania around the shrine of Wooglin is carried into

after-life. It is the threshold of that high and noble resolve which is first formed in boyhood, and to which, as much as to anything else, is due the healing of the wound which once tore asunder the sections of this nation, and that the tendons of the great republic grow firmer and stronger than they ever were before."

William C. Sprague, Denison, '81, president of the Correspondence School of Law and editor of the *American Boy*, thus expressed his belief in the fraternity at the dedication banquet of the Michigan chapter house:

"What, my gray-haired brother, would you ask in exchange for what your fraternity has given you in the years that are past? What other relations, aside from those of your home and your God, have tended so much to keep you gentle and kindly, and withal manly, as have your fraternity relations?

"Believe me, brothers, when I say that my fraternity early entered into my life as one of its most powerful and enduring influences. If it is true that every man we meet leaves an impress on our characters for good or for ill, I must give to my fraternity the credit for a great deal of whatever good there may be in me, since, happily, through one-third of a century my closest companionships in school, in business, in church, in play, and in work have been my fraternity brothers; and right here let me record that never once in all the thirty-two years that have elapsed since the pink and blue were pinned upon my breast has a Beta played me false. Men have cheated, deceived, wronged me, but never has a man who wore the diamond, the wreath and the stars turned his back upon me or betrayed my trust. Brothers, it seems to me much like carrying coals to Newcastle, or lending brightness to the sun to preach ideal fraternity to a gathering of the men of Beta Theta Pi. What organization can be other than ideal with such men in close fellowship as those who form the rank and file of our great fraternity? Why must I talk ideal fraternity to Lambda chapter

when its backbone, ay, its very heart, is of the stuff of Grant, and Beal, and Chandler?

I have traveled much and have seen many fraternity men. I would sooner make my bed with the old fellows of Lambda than with the greatest and best of barbarian song and story.

Prof. William L. Graves of Ohio State University, in replying, at the banquet forming part of the seventeenth annual reunion of the Ohio chapter, to the sentiment the "Miracle of Brotherhood," aptly expressed the underlying spirit of the fraternity:

I am filled with amazement every time I stop to think what fraternity life really stands for. Incredible as it appears, the existence of the fraternity principle means that without any tangible object in view, but dependent solely upon that most delicate and sensitive tie that makes men delight in each other, there has been founded and is being maintained, a widely extended and intricate organization that touches intimately the lives of thousands of men who stand for the very highest culture and intelligence; it means that these men coming together singly or in numbers shall instantly be admitted to each other's friendship and confidence; it means that college students in the years when tempers are hottest and wills strongest shall meet not only in the occasional manner common to other fraternal societies, but shall be tried by daily and hourly contact and association with their fellows, and shall undergo even that supremest test of friendship which is involved in living together; it means that young men shall thrill at the magic touch of youth over again at the flash of a jeweled badge. All those ordinary natural barriers that keep men apart inevitably—lack of acquaintance, differences in taste, social and sectional distinctions—these in the presence of the spirit of brotherhood are as though they had never been. Is it too much to call it a miracle.

I suppose every man feels that these things are true of his fraternity. I do not know. But this I am sure of, that every

Beta feels them true in a peculiar and salient way of his own association. As the years continue to widen the gulf between me and my active college days, I become more and more persuaded that in Beta Theta Pi as in no single one of our kindred fraternities there is a tenderness of appreciation for the fraternity spirit, a loyalty of regard for the fraternity ideals, and a strength of endurance in the fraternity sentiment. I have yet to hear from a Beta what I heard from a member of another great brotherhood who could not be sure of his fraternity's name, or from a second, only the other day, who told me he had not heard or thought fraternity for so long that he hardly knew what the word meant."

And we close this symposium with a sentiment in verse which leaves nothing more to be expressed:

### **A Song of Brotherhood**

Read at the banquet of Chicago Chapter, April 5, 1901.

We're born of one great mother,  
And we drink one common air,  
And brother joined with brother  
Sings away all carking care.

#### *Chorus—*

For the stars once sang together a sweet fraternal song,  
And the rivers, rushing seaward, their harmonies prolong;  
A thousand leaves are murmurous in the music of one tree.  
And Mother-nature lulls to sleep one great humanity.

We toil and moil together,  
And we think on anxious years;  
In storm and stress of weather  
Let us sing away our fears.—*Chorus.*

Brothers in what's before us,  
Brothers in birth and death,



One living sky bends o'er us,  
Let us sing with joyous breath.

*Chorus—*

For the stars once sang together a sweet fraternal song,  
And the rivers, rushing seaward, their harmonies prolong;  
A thousand leaves are murmurous in the music of one tree,  
And Mother-nature lulls to sleep one great humanity.



## CHAPTER XV.

### *The Insignia.*

The original badge of the fraternity was designed by Samuel Taylor Marshall. The first badges were made by Samuel S. Carley, of Cincinnati, and cost \$10 each. The design is accurately described in the first constitution:

ART. 4. The visible badge of this association shall be a breastpin, bearing on front the following characters: 1st, three stars; 2nd, a crescent; 3rd, the initial letters of the motto; 4th, the date of the formation of this association (in Greek). On the back a heart with a spear passed through it, together with the name of the member who wears it.

REVERSE

FRONT



It was all gold, and the emblems on the front were embossed; those on the back were engraved. Our illustration is made from the original badge.

Between 1839 and 1842 the design was changed. The crescent was replaced by the wreath and diamond; the plain gold surface gave way to black enamel, and the emblems and inscription on the reverse were changed. The convention of 1842 redrafted the article relating to the badge, as follows:

ART. 3, SEC. 1. The visible badge of this association shall be a breastpin, the front of which shall be black enamel, bearing, *first*, three stars in gold; *second*, a diamond encircled by a wreath in gold; *third*, the name of the association in gold; *fourth*, the date of its foundation in Greek characters in gold. On the back, two hands clasped, the name of the member who wears it, and the date of the chapter to which he belongs.

Nothing is said in this article concerning the shape, but it remained the same as before—a rectangle with truncated concave corners. These badges are now rare.

For the present shape and style of the badge we are indebted to Wyllys C. Ransom, Michigan. He says:

I designed the present badge in 1848. Previous to that time the badges were made in Cincinnati. \* \* \* They were termed "slabs" by our competitors, and were oblong in shape, with meager chasing and flat enamel. At this time the Williams chapter was in the full tide of success, and wanted badges. Hon. A. P. Carpenter, of that chapter, now of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, opened up a correspondence with me on the subject, and urged that if I would send him the design, he would go to New Haven and arrange with Brown & Kirby, who then made badges for nearly all of the fraternities, to make proper badges for our fraternity. It occurred to me that it might improve the badge to make a few changes in it, and I set my pencil to work, with the following result: I made the shape more symmetrical, curved the longer sides inward, arranged the three stars with the middle one slightly higher than the other two, used five-pointed stars instead of six-pointed ones,<sup>1</sup> as had been customary, and made the enameled front slightly convex instead of flat. My design pleased the Williams Betas, and it was exe-

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<sup>1</sup> Marshall's badge had five-pointed stars and Ryan's badge did also. It would appear that Brother Ransom's memory was at fault in making this statement unless possibly the chapters had adopted and were using a badge with such stars.

cuted, with the single change that I had provided for a line of enamel between the badge and its border, which the jeweler found too difficult to execute. There were several dies made before a satisfactory one was secured, and Carpenter made more than one journey to New Haven in regard to the matter. General Robert W. Smith and Judge Carpenter were delegates to the convention of 1848, and brought several of the badges with them, and they were accepted, and have been in use ever since.

The following letter from A. D. Stowell, of the Beta, to A. C. Junkin, of the Alpha, dated May 1, 1852, throws a little further light on the subject:

You ask about pins. The price varies as the jewel inserted. The general form of all is the same. There was a change made a few years ago in the style of the pin. It used to be, I think, very nearly a right-angled parallelogram. Its present form has its sides indented with segments of circles. We purchase them of Brown & Kirby, dealers in watches and jewelry, No. 76 Chapel street, New Haven, Conn., to whom we enclose in a letter whatever sum we wish to invest. \* \* \* I understand that the Gamma (Jefferson College) chapter have their pins manufactured at Pittsburg, though I have never seen any made there.

Before 1855, however, one more change took place, the three stars being again

placed in a straight line, and this form is illustrated on the cover of the catalogue issued that year.

About 1865 another shape

BADGE OF 1855 came into vogue and was BADGE OF 1865 quite generally used. Brown & Kirby and their suc-

cessors continued to make these badges until 1879 or 1880. At about that time the next style shown in the illustration and which was first made by Newman of New York, became prevalent.

In 1899 the convention adopted a standard form of badge which was designed under the supervision of George M. Chandler, and which is a great improvement on the older forms.

NEWMAN BADGE

In the early days of the fraternity, a plain gold or chased border was usual, but we have seen borders of diamonds, rubies, and other precious stones, amounting to large values. A pretty custom has been to employ a style of ornamentation representing college colors; for instance, turquoises and pearls for the blue and white of Columbia, and garnets and pearls for the cornelian of Cornell. Since the adoption of the **STANDARD BADGE** standard badge plain borders have again been the fashion.

There has always been a disposition evinced to make a secondary badge. The convention of 1860 authorized the use of a watch-key badge, as follows:

The badge to be a watch-key, the body of which shall bear on one side, a *facsimile* of the present pin, with the exception of a diamond in the center of the wreath, and on the other side to be of plain gold, engraved with the harp and scroll, the name of the owner, and the date of the foundation of his chapter.

We have never seen one of these badges. The con-

vention of 1869 authorized another badge, which for a few years was worn sometimes as a scarfpin. It contained the emblems in an entirely new and tasteful arrangement. It consisted of a wreath of greenish gold, united at the top by a star, on which is displayed the letter "Θ." In the middle of the wreath to the left is a similar star displaying the letter "Β," and on the right and opposite is a star displaying the letter "Π." In the middle of the wreath is a diamond, and on the binding ribbons are the letters "α ω λ δ." This was sometimes called the "alumni badge."

About the year 1882, a monogram pin was designed, and we have occasionally seen it worn by some Beta girl, never by a member.

In 1889 a bronze or silver miniature badge worn as a button and first used as a convention souvenir obtained some vogue.

In 1897, a pledge button was adopted to be worn by those pledged to join the fraternity prior to their formal admission to the fraternity at college where initiations were postponed for a time. This was described in our laws as follows:

The pledge button shall be a shield of pink and blue enamel of the same shape as the badge but smaller, divided by a wavy line from the upper right hand corner to the lower left hand corner, the pink above, the blue below, bearing three five-pointed stars of gold arranged in a line running from the upper left hand corner to the lower right hand corner.

The colored enamels did not, however, always present

a neat appearance and at the suggestion of George M. Chandler, the pledge button was changed in 1899 to white enamel with gold stars. It is officially described as follows:

The pledge button shall be a shield of white enamel, of the same shape as the badge bearing three five-pointed stars of gold arranged in a line running from the upper left hand corner to the lower right hand corner.

Next to the badge, the emblem most commonly used to denote membership was the seal, the use of which was authorized by the convention of 1842, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the association shall have a seal, to be stamped upon the seals of letters, the impressions upon which shall be two clasped hands and a Greek letter indicating the priority of the chapter.

Previous to 1861, these seals were in general use, but as the custom of using wax for the purpose of closing letters gradually became obsolete, the use of the seal by the chapters was discontinued, and its place was taken by various engraved designs printed upon the stationery used by the chapters. These designs exist in great variety, and are too numerous to attempt to describe or illustrate. A handsome but small steel engraving of the badge or the dragon crest is now commonly employed, and printed headings have nearly disappeared.



The colors of the fraternity are pink and light blue.



They were adopted by the convention of 1879, but had previously been used by some of the chapters. While admirably adapted for interior decorations, these colors fade easily, and are not suitable for exterior display.

A great seal was formally adopted by the convention of 1879. Its use was for the authentication of charters. Its design, however, was crude and inartistic and it displayed emblems such as the sphinx, pyramids and flaming not appropriate to any of our esoteric symbolism.

#### GREAT SEAL OF 1879.

In 1889 a new emblem, a fraternity flower, was adopted at the celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the foundation of Alpha chapter and of the fraternity.

The following account of the inception of the idea is taken from the *Beta Theta Pi*:

"But perhaps the most pleasing occurrence of the evening, and the one that is of the most importance to the fraternity, was the adoption of a new fraternity symbol to commemorate this auspicious close of the first and beginning of the second half-century of Beta Theta Pi. The question of the adoption of a new symbol had been considered during the afternoon by representatives of different chapters. The idea met universal approval. A committee appointed to consider the matter more particularly reported, recommending that the rose be adopted as the fraternity flower, and that some appropriate species be chosen by each chapter as its own special symbol. The report of the committee was announced by Covington, as chairman, at the banquet, and was received by all present with great enthusiasm. In the midst of the applause Mrs. A. D. Hepburn handed to the toastmaster three pink roses, plucked an hour or two before from a bush at the southwest corner of the Western's porch. Covington held them aloft for a moment, amid the cheers of all, and then, turning to the Hon. S. T. Marshall, of Iowa, who sat upon his right, said: 'To you, Brother Marshall, as one of the founders of Beta Theta Pi, I present this rose, for you here to approve our choice of this new symbol of Beta Theta Pi;' then, turning to his left, 'And I present to you, Brother Knox, this other rose, that you, also, whom we fondly call Pater, may manifest here your approval of our choice. This third rose I retain for myself, as representing here our beloved fraternity, which will surely put the seal of its official approval upon our adoption of this beautiful symbol.' A committee, consisting of Charles M. Hepburn, George E. Benedict and Frank M. Joyce, was appointed to notify the chapters of the action taken, to receive the report of each to the species of rose selected by it, and to reconcile conflicting selections.

The chapters have quite generally selected particular species of roses for themselves.

In the spring of 1890, a flag was designed and adopted. The *Beta Theta Pi* for October of that year contained a somewhat full account of how the design was selected, as follows:

Last spring two members of the fraternity who, with many others, no doubt, had long felt the need of a fraternity flag, and before whose mental vision various possible or impossible Beta flags, enriched "with orient hues unborrowed of the sun," had waved from time to time during the last three or four years, applied to the Board of Directors for some definite official action in the matter. Approving the idea, the board promptly appointed a committee to select from the designs submitted or itself to design an appropriate fraternity flag for Beta Theta Pi. As our readers may remember, the result of this committee's work was made known in the March issue of this magazine.

No flag, it was thought, was better than one which was not strikingly handsome and appropriate. After the convention an effort was made to design such a flag for the next convention. At first it was attempted to make an appropriate combination of pink and blue. As was to have been expected, the result was a dismal failure. But the matter was kept in mind, and eventually several designs, which met with hearty approbation from those to whom they were submitted, seemed almost to suggest themselves. This committee, taking counsel of practical designers and makers of flags, agreed in recommending the flag described \* \* \* as the one best suited for and worthy of Beta Theta Pi. The design which was recommended—a dark blue field bearing three stars arranged as a pyramid about a red rose, half opened, at the center, and having also a single line of white running parallel with and a little within the outer edge of the blue—met with a very general and hearty approval at the

time, and at the last convention was formally adopted as that of the fraternity flag.

In this connection, it will not be amiss to give again some of the reasons which led the committee to prefer the design that has been adopted. We quote from our March issue:

"Each of its features has a natural and appropriate significance to a Beta. Our three stars, so rich in their suggestiveness, shine out from a field of dark azure. They are arranged in a pyramid of equal sides, symbolical of the enduring qualities of our order. The blue of the field is a recognized color of the fraternity. the darker shade is used both as more appropriate in a flag, and because it is the only practicable shade in bunting. The red of the rose, in itself a fraternity emblem, is the nearest shade in the primary colors to our pink, which, charming and most appropriate as it is for use at banquets and evening wear, is hardly appropriate for the sterner uses of a flag. The white was added as the recognized color of the Mystic Seven. The principles and traditions of the Mystical Seven harmonize with and enrich our Beta emblems; and this line of white, in which all colors blend, and which is in itself the type of purity, enhances the rich blue of our Beta flag."

#### FLAG OF 1890.

This flag, which avoids the bad taste so often dis-

played of placing the name of the fraternity upon the bunting, was first unfurled over the buildings of Miami University, May 13, 1890.

In 1899, George M. Chandler, who had made a special study of heraldry and the symbolism of the fraternity, agitated the matter of revising the design of the flag and great seal and furnishing the fraternity with a coat of arms and standard badge and being interested in

#### FLAG OF 1900.

the work produced the standard badge already referred to, secured the adoption of the new type of pledge button and in 1900 the adoption of a new flag much more

artistic and of handsomer design than the old one. The official description of the flag is as follows:

The flag shall consist of three equal horizontal stripes of blue, white and blue, the upper blue stripe bearing a single white five-pointed star, and the lower blue stripe two similar white five-pointed stars, the three stars forming an equitable triangle about a dragon, sejant, the fraternity crest, in red.



COAT OF ARMS OF BETA THETA PI.

The coat of arms designed upon correct heraldic principles is simple and dignified and very handsome. Its use for ornamental purposes and on escutcheons and similar articles has become general. Its fine outlines lend themselves to many purposes and it was promptly seized upon by the fraternity jewelers as a welcome ad-

dition to their somewhat limited stock of designs. The coat of arms is officially described as follows:

The coat of arms shall be: quarterly argent and gules; a chevron azure bearing three mullets, or: crest a dragon sejant, or. Motto:—kai—

For those not familiar with heraldry we will state that the shield of the Norman type is divided into quarters, two *argent* or white and two *gules* or red. The chevron or right-angled band is *azure* or blue and on it is displayed three *mullets* or stars in *or* or gold. The crest above the shield is the dragon *sejant* or seated. The motto we all know.

The great seal was changed to conform to the coat of arms and is officially described as follows:

The great seal shall be the coat of arms with the crest and motto, ornamented with two festoons of roses, within a circular band, on which shall be the legend "The Great Seal of Beta Theta Pi—1839."

The chapters have used a variety of posters and cuts in printed matter and college annuals, some of them finely designed. The catalogue of 1882 introduced several new emblems or adopted old ones—the dragons, the dogs, Diogenes, and other symbols referred to in the Legend of Wooglin and the ritualistic work of the fraternity. These have gone into quite general use.

The convention of 1906 forbade the unauthorized wearing of the badge and its use for general ornamental purposes on articles of merchandise. The coat of arms, the crest and the flag it was felt gave ample material for ornamentation without making an inappropriate use of the badge itself.



## CHAPTER XVI.

### *Social Life of the Fraternity.*

The fraternity has always been social in its tendencies. It has aimed to bring together "good fellows." It was presumed that they had brains, but good fellows they must be. In college parlance, neither "sticks" nor "grinds" were acceptable. The ends of the fraternity, publicly expressed and privately insisted upon, have been the cultivation of that faithful friendship which, in theory, at least, finds its height of expression in the affection between brothers of the same parents. Its members are united in an association during the formative period of their lives—when they are entering upon a new world, the college kingdom—enticing with unknown pleasures and beset with unthought-of dangers. It is then that the fraternity appeals to the young man to form a new relation outside of the family ones, which, therefore, he has known as the only type of intimacy; to assume the responsibilities of one of a band of chosen friends, with high aims, with a reputation to maintain, with a history behind it replete with great names, greater even in imagination than in fact.

"Intimacy between the members has always been insisted upon, and as soon as possible a new member was

taught to use the Christian names in preference to the more formal surnames." So writes an accomplished alumnus of the DePauw chapter. In the chapter it was Harry, and John, and Billy, and George; not Smith, and Jones, and Robinson, and Taylor." As Christian names are rarely used outside the family circle, this little custom, almost unnoticed, has been a strong factor in drawing the Betas together.

Until recent years the conditions of student life in the colleges wherein our chapters are located have been such as to preclude the erection or maintenance of chapter houses, and where the dormitory system prevailed it was almost impossible for the members to live together, as in more modern times; but as a distinguished member of Alpha says:

"While our meetings were only held monthly, and the formal record shows a meager statement of things accomplished, as a fact Betas were usually found together, and it was a common subject of remark among our rivals that we were seldom alone, and a cause of complaint that when a student joined the Betas he seldom had friends outside of the chapter."

From the beginning, banquets of various kinds have been a feature of the chapter life, and in many of the chapters no meeting was ever held without a concluding supper. The utter absence of a ritual for many years, coupled with an almost unique simplicity of initiation ceremonies, seemed to have resulted in greater frequency of prandial exercises. The alumni continued this feat-

ure without urging, and the basis of most of the alumni organizations has been the more or less frequent dinner.

The "Beta girls" form a constant subject of reference throughout the correspondence of the fraternity in the days before the publication of the journal made the letters less personal and more official, and the alliance of these sisters was assiduously cultivated. Indeed, at Hudson, in the late forties, we are told that the only prominent feature of the initiation ceremony was "an introduction to the prettiest girls in the town, with an evening stroll to follow that lingered in the mind of the susceptible boy for many a year."

The influence of the Beta girls has never been sought in vain, and from the donation of a cake to the boys of old Alpha in 1840 to the making of sofa pillows for the Toronto chapter parlor in 1907, their assistance has always been cheerfully rendered and appreciated. At Wabash and Washington & Lee there are well-founded traditions of the initiation of young ladies, and however that may be, the Beta grip has certainly at times passed from the sole knowledge and control of the sterner sex.

Of recent years clubs of various kinds inside of the chapter organization have not been infrequent. Baseball matches with rival chapters, foot ball matches with neighboring chapters, whist and tennis tournaments have all testified to the varied activities of student life, but in the olden days the energies of the chapter, aside from miscellaneous deviltry inherent apparently in college students, and not confined within chapter limits,

were expended in the literary society contests, and the multiform clubs of the modern colleges were unknown.

With the building of chapter houses has developed a form of family life that in some of its aspects resembles the monastic life found in the cloisters of the old world, and in others the early forms of college existence in the English universities. With this has come a common table, parlor and library, and a common hearth, before which to cement the bonds of friendship like chains are forged with fire, and the test of close contact of independent natures that usually can not be obtained except by long battle with the world. The ideal chapter life is found in this home and family existence, and gradually our chapters are learning its lessons.

Indeed it can truthfully be said of most of the colleges where we have chapters that it is much more important for a lad to select the proper fraternity than the proper college. The chapter life is intimate and formative, the influence of the college is distant and unimpressive. A Beta having the good fortune to spend four years in some of our chapters has obtained a training in manners and methods which simply can not be secured anywhere else.

Some of the chapters have peculiar practices. Those which have sprung from previous organizations not infrequently maintain customs so originated. The St. Lawrence chapter developed a peculiar system of cipher to designate upon programmes and the like certain essential facts in the career of each member, and they devised also a unique Greek salutation; the Kansas chapter has

an annual "turkey-pullin' ;" the Mystic chapters still gather around the mystic cauldron ; old Delta's cake-box told many a tale to the Betas who returned to the chapter shrine after years of wandering ; the eastern chapters quite generally practice a severe test of cross-examination to discover points of weakness in their armor usually called a "talk around" and various ceremonies connected with the slaughter of the mysterious "dorg" are not uncommon. The Virginia and Michigan chapters each give a German, the Wesleyan chapter has two formal annual dances, and so on.

Very early in the history of the fraternity, the alumni gathered at reunions, and celebrated their gathering with toast and song. The earliest formal banquet known to us was held at Pittsburg, in connection with the convention of 1851, but we are informed that the Cincinnati Betas held a dinner as early as 1846. However that may be, they have since then been held in uninterrupted series. They have been a prominent feature of every convention, and since the growth of the fraternity has caused its division into districts, they have been an essential element in every district reunion. The New England dinner, annually held in Boston, has become as regular an event in the Beta undergraduate life as the chapter meeting. The annual dinner held in central Ohio has also become one of the calendar events, and dinners at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Omaha, St. Paul, St. Louis, Chicago, Nashville, Indianapolis, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Roanoke, Wheeling, Rich-

mond, Pittsburgh, Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, and Syracuse have become too numerous to refer to them separately. They are expected to take place at more or less frequent intervals, and if an unusually long time elapses between them, wonder and surprise find strong expression.

The name of "Dorg" club has been given to any informal gathering of Beta alumni, for the purpose of eating a dinner together without organization, system or routine. The idea originated in New York, and so far as we can learn, Richard Lee Fearn, of Stevens, was responsible for it. A self-appointed committee sent out notices to the Betas in the neighborhood to meet and take dinner together at some well-known hotel or restaurant. The price of the dinner was usually named, and it was generally a few cents over the price charged, to leave a margin for expenses. There was no organization.

This kind of loose arrangement existed for fifteen or twenty years. In New York city the meetings were held usually at the Metropole, Murray Hill and Marlborough Hotels, and at sundry Italian and German restaurants of good repute. It seldom occurred that any speech making indulged in, but occasionally, when a man like Justice Harlan, or President Young, or Dr. Spinning was present he would make a few remarks.

The idea was taken to Washington, and the first session of the club there was highly successful. Senators and Congressmen are not ashamed to recall their college days. At the second meeting, held December 8, 1890,

there were present Congressmen Springer, Allen, Bynum and Kinsey, Aimaro Sato, Prof. Gordon, and Hon. James Lyons.

Clubs of similar name and nature have been successfully organized at San Francisco, Denver, Los Angeles, Chicago, Cleveland, Providence, Buffalo and Indianapolis, and perhaps at other places. The number of members at the centers of population is increasing however at a rapid rate and formal clubs are now being organized.

The New York club was instituted in the early winter of 1907. It has a good membership and provides all of the usual club facilities.

The club's home is in a three-story and basement, brown stone front, spacious, old New York house. The rooms are large, attractively decorated and well suited for club purposes. On the first floor a front parlor and back of it another parlor, used for a reading room, may be thrown into one large assembly room. The portrait of Pater Knox occupies a prominent position in the front room and the flags of all the colleges where our chapters are located makes a very pleasing decoration for the rear room. Back of this is a dining room, seating twenty-four at small tables. Upon the walls of this room it is planned to have a photograph of every chapter house in the fraternity. On the floor above are a writing room, game room, office and toilet room. Bed rooms with accommodations for seven men, opening out of an attractive center hall occupy the top floor. The front room in the basement has been enlarged making a very pleasant

pool room and cafe. Back of this are the kitchen and laundry.

Members of the club are elected by a Committee on Admissions, after having been duly proposed and seconded. Resident members pay an admission fee of \$10, and annual dues of \$12 payable semi-annually. Betas living more than fifty miles from New York may become non-resident members, with all the privileges of resident members, except the right to vote. The dues for such members are \$10, payable semi-annually. The restaurant is well patronized and has proved a very desirable addition to the usefulness of the club. The bed rooms have proved an attraction for a number of young bachelors and in the summer will probably be found popular among men whose families are away from town.

Several times in its history the fraternity has honored a member by tendering to him a banquet, and some of these have been especially notable. The first of these was given to Ex-Governor Hoadly, of Ohio, upon the occasion of his removal to New York city, in 1887, by the alumni of that city.

The Hoadly dinner was given at Delmonico's famous restaurant. After a preliminary reception, the guests assembled in the banqueting hall.

The chairman, John I. Covington, introduced Brother Hoadly in a brief speech, referring to his lifelong loyalty to and activity in the fraternity, his work in founding and assisting the Harvard chapter, and in different positions in the fraternity. The Governor, in his reply, paid



the highest tribute to the fraternity and its works, spoke of the high aims it had always fostered, and the good it had done, and referred touchingly to the members contemporary with him, who were gone.

As the dinner was in the nature of a welcome to New York, the speeches were largely personal, but all referred to the fraternal sentiment of which the banquet was the fruit. The toast list was:

B Θ Π—A National Fraternity. John S. Wise.

The Little Green Snake. J. S. Tunison. A parable dedicated to the Dragon, in verse.

B Θ Π—In Medicine. Theophilus Parvin.

B Θ Π—In the South. Willoughby N. Smith.

B Θ Π—The Fraternity. Senator J. E. McDonald.

College Reminiscences. Prof. John S. Newberry.

B Θ Π—In the East. Homer Gard

The speech of Prof Newberry, who was in college with Gov. Hoadly, was specially interesting, giving glimpses of fraternity life at a time when all the present external aids to fraternity enthusiasm were lacking.

Another banquet was given to Judge Harlan of the Supreme Court of the United States, at Washington, Feb. 6, 1891. We condense our account from the narrative as it appeared in the fraternity journal.

“Flushed with success, it was natural that the idea of entertaining one of their most illustrious living members should suggest itself to the newly associated worshippers of Wooglin.”

Gov. James A. Beaver, of Pennsylvania; Gov. David R. Fran-

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It was a remarkable gathering of eminent clergymen, statesmen, lawyers, authors, physicians, scientists, and cultivated men in general, who gathered to pay tribute to the distinguished jurist and to testify to the beneficent influences of the fraternity.

At half-past seven there was a general movement toward a large parlor. Most of those who gained admission recognized the resemblance to a chapter hall. Here Mr. Justice David J. Brewer, of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Messrs. Benjamin S. Minor, Eugene Withers, Frank Andrews, Dr. George Ben. Johnston, and Prof. John R. Eastman, U. S. N., learned the

mysteries. Professor Eastman had been a member of the  $\Sigma \Delta \Pi$  at Dartmouth College, and the others were brothers in the Mystical Seven, which united with the Beta Theta Pi in 1889. Never before in the history of college fraternities had such eminent candidates appeared together for initiation, and this fact increased the solemnity which marked the ceremonies.

It was a little after 8 o'clock when the guests entered the banquet hall. The walls of the apartment were hidden by flags and tropical plants. Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Navy, the new international code of signal flags were displayed for the first time, as well as the large national ensigns. The signals were arranged in lines spelling private mottoes of the fraternity. Among them, on one side, was spread the great flag of Beta Theta Pi. Festoons of evergreens hung from the ceiling, and ropes of garlands ran overhead. The tables were arranged in the shape of the Greek letter  $\Pi$ , the head table running across the room. At the foot of the tables a veritable forest of plants masked the entrance for the waiters, while at the head was a large space divided from the main hall by an arch of plants. In this space massed blossoming plants and palms, and above rose another arch. The tables were ornamented with cut-flowers from the White House conservatory and the national botanical gardens.

The toast list was as follows:

The Supreme Court of the United States..Mr. Justice Harlan  
The Beta in Public Life . . . . . William M. Springer

The Mystical Seven . . . . .	Mr. Justice Brewer
The Beta Dinner (Poem) . . . . .	Chambers • Baird
The National Fraternity . . . . .	John W. Herron
The Silver-Greys . . . . .	Rev. A. W. Pitzer
Clasped Hands . . . . .	George L. Spinning
Fraternal Virginians . . . . .	Henry St. George Tucker
Our College Presidents . . . . .	Rev. Richard McIlwaine
The Humanities . . . . .	Theophilus Parvin
Ohio, Our Home . . . . .	John J. Lentz
The Kentuckian . . . . .	Rev. G. W. F. Birch
The Mysteries . . . . .	James Lyons
The Coming Day . . . . .	William D. Bynum
The Boys of Twenty Years Ago . . . . .	William M. Kinsey
The Ladies . . . . .	Aimaro Sato
A Pledge from the Mystics . . . . .	Eugene Withers

The speech-making was continued until a late hour, and all united in saying that it was the most successful event of the kind in the history of the fraternity.

Another great dinner was tendered to Hon. John W. Noble, of the Miami chapter, then Secretary of the Interior, by the Betas of New York city on the 16th of April, 1892, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The following is a meager account of the proceedings:

Governor Beaver presided. At his right was Sam. W. Foss, the editor of the *Yankee Blade*, famous as a humorous poet. Next to Mr. Foss was John S. Wise, of Virginia. There were also Rev. Ferd. C. Iglehart, then of the Park Avenue Methodist church; Dr. John C. Zachos, the curator of the Cooper Institute; Dr. G. W. F. Birch, Theophilus Parvin, of Philadelphia, and many others.

Between the courses, the younger members sang songs, and this was enlivened by a group of the St. Lawrence alumni, who gave their well-known Greek round of greeting, which in its weird effect can only be compared to the call of Brunhilda and her sisters as they bring the bodies of the dead heroes to Walhalla, in Wagner's opera of *Die Walküre*.

Before introducing General Noble, Governor Beaver paid a high tribute to the fraternity and the value of its membership. General Noble, as he rose to speak, trembled a little, and a slight quiver in his voice told more than words how deeply he felt and appreciated the occasion. There were no stenographers present, and only snatches of the speeches were caught by the hurrying pencils of the hearers, but he said in part:

"If to have been for over forty years a member in good standing of our beloved fraternity, and to have had it rise each year higher and higher in my affection and esteem, entitles me now to the respect and consideration here shown, then I modestly accept this reception as a tribute to all good and loyal Betas. My membership began in the Alpha chapter at Miami University in 1849, and, although I subsequently entered junior at Yale, where we then had no chapter, and graduated in 1851, my allegiance has been unbroken. It sometimes seemed a little chilly to stand undecorated when the other fellows in my class were newly decorated with this and that badge of great erudition and profound intellectual culture, but I would take out this now old and precious badge, I have ever had by me in peace and war, and look at it and say to myself, 'You gave me my first honor, and I will stick by you. *Wait*; time at last sets all things even.' To-night its laurel is unfaded, and the stars as

bright as they were in boyhood's eyes. It would please me to speak of other occasions in life when I have found good results from being a Beta, but I must not pause."

The city papers gave long notices of the dinner, the diners and the fraternity, and it attracted much other attention. A pleasing incident of the occasion was the discovery of an uncatalogued Beta of the Williams Chapter—L. A. Hendricks—who had long been on the staff of the New York *Herald*, and was sent to report the dinner. When he applied to the committee for his ticket he spied the badge, and said he had not seen one for over forty years, when he used to wear one himself. It appears that he had left Williams and gone to Yale, and lost sight of his old associates, and his name having been accidentally omitted from the roll, he had rested in secure oblivion.

One dinner which we cannot pass by without mention was given to John I. Covington by the Chicago alumni March 31, 1894, at the Union League Club. It is to be noted because Covington was a man of no public prominence. He was simply a whole-souled, earnest Beta, who had worked hard for the fraternity all his life, who appreciated what it did for him, who wanted to give its benefits to others and who believed in it with all his might.

The Chicago alumni recognized Covington's services to the fraternity in this way and he felt it and appreciated it. We have elsewhere in this book copied his eloquent tribute to the fraternity's worth uttered on that

occasion. The speakers on the programme came from all over the country and dozens who could not come sent letters.

On May 24, 1895, a banquet was tendered to the surviving founders of the fraternity at the Burnett House, Cincinnati. It was preceded by a pilgrimage of the guests to Miami University, where, during the day, appropriate exercises were held. The rooms of the chapter were first visited. The assembly then adjourned to the college chapel, where John W. Herron, a member of the Miami chapter and president of the Board of Trustees of Miami, delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by Major Ransom. John Reily Knox, the only one of the then survivors present, made a brief speech and this was followed by a few remarks from Miss McKee, president of the Western Seminary and daughter of John L. McKee, Centre, '49, who invited the guests to lunch at Seminary Hall. After lunch, Oxford Female Seminary was visited and the assembly then returned to Cincinnati.

The banquet in the evening was a very successful affair. Over two hundred were present and toasts were responded to by Gen. John W. Noble of St. Louis; Prof. Francis W. Shepardson of the University of Chicago; Chaplain Lozier; Judge Horace H. Lurton of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals; William C. Sprague, president of the Sprague Correspondence School of Law; President Young of Centre College; Ex-President Hepburn of Miami; Junius E. Beal of Michigan; Bishop Moore



of the Methodist church and Clyde W. Brown, then an active member of the Miami chapter, speaking for the undergraduates.

Appropriate souvenirs were given to the guests and the affair was pronounced a decided success.

April 10, 1896, on the occasion of the reunion of the chapters of District III, a banquet was tendered to Justice Brewer, of the U. S. Supreme Court, and he came, and after a delightful reception delivered a scholarly address on "The True Greatness of American Citizenship." The affair took place at the Hotel Stenton in Philadelphia which was then under the management of Joseph C. Reynolds, Dickinson, '87. There were about 200 present.

We copy from the columns of the BETA THETA PI a portion of the account of the banquet:

"Including both alumni and undergraduates, probably there were few prominent colleges east of the Mississippi that did not have at least one representative. Justice Brewer attended this dinner at considerable personal sacrifice, as he came all the way from San Antonio, Tex., where his daughter has been very ill.

The menu was as elaborate as has been seen at any fraternity dinner, not even excepting the notable one given by the fraternity at Washington, D. C., a few years ago, to Mr. Justice Harlan. Upon the face of the menu was a most artistic representation of the badge of the fraternity, being a Greek shield in form, with the various precious stones around the outer edge brought out into relief and painted by hand in the various appropriate colors, with a brilliant diamond in the center. On the front page of the menu was a fine and life-like portrait of Justice Brewer, and throughout the menu were a large number of

quaint and curious but appropriate quotations from Shakespeare, bearing upon and illustrating not only the subjects of the different toasts, but the various courses of the dinner itself, which must have taken the committee many laborious hours to arrange. The tailpiece to the menu was a faithful reproduction of a most fierce bull-dog, apparently from a photograph.

The toast list was as follows:

Toastmaster—Dr. Hobart A. Hare.

The Beta Welcome . . . . . Dr. J. Chalmers Da Costa  
Pennsylvania '84.

The Fraternity . . . . . William Raimond Baird  
Stevens '78.

The Guest . . . . . David J. Brewer  
Wesleyan '55.

Beta Theta Pi in the Law . . . . . William H. Armstrong  
Princeton '47.

The Influence of Fraternity Life . . Samuel W. Pennypacker  
Representing the University of Pennsylvania.

The Ladies . . . . . Thomas X. Orr  
Jefferson '57.

Younglings, but not Weaklings . . . . . Samuel P. Tull  
Pennsylvania '94.

Dr. Hare is an ideal toastmaster. He stands easy first among the many good ones in the fraternity. The welcome of Dr. Da Costa was hearty and cordial, and with just enough of sentiment to warm the hearts of his hearers. The response of Brother Baird was listened to with closest attention, and his anecdote of an incident of Judge Brewer's career in the Kansas Judiciary occasioned much merriment. Mr. Hepburn's speech was notable because of his age, the fact that he was one of the old Princeton chapter and the present attitude of that institution toward the fraternities, and because it showed as nothing else

could how strong a hold the fraternity has upon the undergraduate, and how firm it lasts throughout his after life.

Judge Pennypacker is not a member of the fraternity, but being a trustee of the university, represented the institution at the feast to do honor to the guest. His speech was a happy one, and while he paid tribute to the standing of the Beta Theta Pi, he poked considerable fun at some of its members who hold high places in the politics of the Keystone state. The Rev. Thomas X. Orr, as an after-dinner speaker, is unique. The fun fairly bubbles out of him, and while he was mirthful and merry, he could withal be serious and sentimental. The concluding toast of the evening was by a representative of the resuscitated Phi chapter who narrated the trials the boys had undergone on their pathway to their present proud eminence."

On February 1, 1901, the Columbia chapter and the New York alumni gave a dinner to Benjamin Barker Odell, Jr., Bethany '77, then governor of the State of New York, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. The grip was epidemic at the time and the weather was unusually inclement and the toast list was much cut down in consequence but it was a brilliant occasion.

Promptly at 8:30 the doors of the banqueting hall were opened and the assembled company entered. The first impression of the room was a lasting one of elegant comfort. One side of the room was draped with vertical stripes of cream colored and lemon colored bunting; in the centre was a large flag of the state of New York in the middle of which was a panel displaying in huge letters "B Θ Π" made up of incandescent lamps. On one side of this was draped the flag of Columbia College and on the other the flag of the fraternity.

The guest table was immediately in front of this wall and on a raised dais. The tables for the other diners were all small holding but eight. Each table was illuminated with candles with alternate pink and blue shades, bunches of beauty and other roses were on all of the tables in the utmost profusion, and smilax and ivy concealed effectively the rest of the cloth. The effect was beautiful and much appreciation was expressed at the admirable result obtained by such simple means.

The menu card and toast list formed a handsome souvenir. It was a vellum covered pamphlet bound in the Columbia colors. The inside cover was of original design as follows.

DINNER TENDERED TO  
GOV. BENJAMIN B. ODELL  
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BY THE  
AA CHAPTER 3 NEW YORK ALMA  
OF THE B-Θ-Π FRATERNITY  
THE WALDORF - FEBY 1, 1904

Within the cover, on one page was the menu, on the next, the toast list, on the next the names of the committees.

Hon. John S. Wise was a witty and altogether pleasing toastmaster. After a brief speech he introduced the guest of the evening, who spoke very pleasantly of his membership in the fraternity. After reading a lot of regrets, with caustic side remarks, the toastmaster introduced Dr. W. A. P. Martin, who had just returned from Peking after having undergone all of the trials and horrors of the memorable siege in the legation. He interested his hearers by telling them entertainingly and at first hand of his experiences in China and particularly during the siege.

Eli Perkins was the next speaker and kept the tables in a roar with his witticisms with their classical setting. His dry manner and air of modest surprise that his statements should evoke laughter were much appreciated.

James Lindsay Gordon of the old William & Mary chapter followed, and responding to the toast, "Betas in Public Life," poked a lot of fun at the distinguished guest of the evening and those around him. At that time Gordon was a Tammany Democrat and assistant district attorney, and he thoroughly enjoyed the incongruity of some of his surroundings, as contrasted with his political affiliations. A Virginian of the Virginians, a fine orator, he charmed by his manner as well as his words, and elicited loud and prolonged applause

when he paid a tribute to the fraternity glowing with fervor and patriotism.

The next speaker was a representative of Bethany, Governor Odell's chapter, Percy B. Cochrane. He is also a Southerner and a natural orator, and spoke feelingly and pleasantly of the pride of his chapter in the success of its brother in whose honor the dinner was given.

Knowlton Durham, Columbia, '01, spoke briefly of the college and chapter.

The final speech of the evening was by Governor Francis of Missouri, who sent his regrets and then came to countermand them in person. He made a speech in his usual happy vein and was able to get ahead of John S. Wise in a little verbal duel. That is something of a feat, as New York Betas know.

This dinner was widely noticed in the newspapers. Governor Odell when he left Bethany came to Columbia and tried very hard to start a chapter of Beta Theta Pi. The movement was not favored by those in authority. Afterwards he joined the Columbia chapter of Psi Upsilon forming one of the many instances of double membership which occurred before the fraternity extended eastwardly. The newspapers rather hoped for some kind of a controversy between the fraternities but were of course disappointed.

In the winter of 1902-3, after the fall elections were over, it became apparent that three Betas were at the same time governors of three great states, Odell of New

York, Bates of Massachusetts and Montague of Virginia, and it was determined to give them a banquet at New York. It took place under the auspices of the chapters of District II and the New York alumni March 20, 1903, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

From the columns of the BETA THETA PI we extract the following:

"The spirit which pervaded the annual dinner of District II, on the night of March 20, was typified when, as the finale of the ovation following Governor Montague's eloquent address, St. Lawrence men, fresh from the northwoods, struck the key for "Dixie" and joined in the rebel yell. For jovial commingling of men from college classes from 1851 down to those still on the undergraduate rolls, and for its emphatic doing away with the bigotry of sectionalism, it was remarkable.

From the standpoint of the fraternity, the assemblage of 225 men, representing thirty-two college chapters, was real cause for congratulation. One of the three active governors in whose special honor the dinner was arranged—Governor Odell, of New York—was kept from the engagement by a recent death in his family; and an ex-governor whose attendance had been expected—the Hon. David R. Francis, of Missouri—was called away by official engagements; but the expressions from both could not have been more cordial had they been on hand.

The Astor gallery at the Waldorf was brilliant for the event in the colors of the fraternity displayed with the national flag and the pennants of several of the colleges of District II. Over the guests' table the letters "B Θ II" in incandescent lamps threw light upon the official emblems of the three states, New York, Virginia and Massachusetts.

The hour preceding the dinner was given to informal handshaking and to a reception by the guests of the evening. By the time the march to the tables was taken up, the diners had

# BANQUET

*Tendered to*

*Gen. Benjamin B. Odell Jr. of New York*

*Gov. John L. Bates of Massachusetts*

*Gov. Andrew J. Montague of Virginia*

*District II*

*and the*

*New York Alumni*

*of*

# BETA THETA PI

Designed by Malcolm Curry, Columbia '09

FACSIMILE OF COVER OF MENU CARD



arranged themselves, with the aid of the committee, by colleges into congenial groups. The nearly thirty tables quite taxed the capacity of the big banquet hall. For the first few moments of the dinner the mere bigness of the crowd threatened to impose "company manners" upon the assembly. The silver-gray veteran ex-Governor Beaver proved himself the biggest and best "boy" of them all, and soon had fraternity songs and cheers and college yells warming the heart and gladdening the eye of old Wooglin. Columbia and Stevens, both with big delegations, vied for honors; up-state St. Lawrence excited comment by the size and voice of its representation, while Cornell, Syracuse and Rutgers were not far behind. What the more remote colleges lacked in numbers they made up in lung power and by drafting recruits temporarily for their respective college cheers."

The cover of the menu card we reproduce in facsimile.

The toast list was as follows:

Toastmaster—Ex-Gov. James A. Beaver, Wash.-Jeff., '56

Invocation . . . . . Rollin A. Sawyer, D. D.  
Western Reserve '51.

The State of New York . . . Gov. Benjamin B. Odell, Jr.  
Bethany '77.

The State of Massachusetts . . . Gov. John L. Bates  
Boston '85.

The State of Virginia . . . Gov. Andrew J. Montague  
Richmond '82.

Beta Theta Pi in the North Country . Hon. Ledyard P. Hale  
St. Lawrence '76.

Beta Theta Pi in Medicine . . . Hobart A. Hare, M. D.  
Pennsylvania '84.

Beta Theta Pi 'Way Down East . . . C. 'Vey Holman  
Harvard '82.

Beta Theta Pi in the Second District . Rev. Robert W. Courtney  
Rutgers '99.

Beta Theta Pi in War . . . . . Rev. George A. Crawford  
Boston '78.

Beta Theta Pi in Peace . . . . . Hon. James Lindsay Gordon  
William & Mary '77.

Beta Theta Pi in Washington . . . Hon. William D. Bynum  
Indiana '69.

Beta Theta Pi in Foreign Lands . Ex-Gov. David R. Francis  
Washington '70.

The speeches were on a high level and concluded with  
a poem by Chambers Baird, read by Willis O. Robb.

## A Ballade of States

### I. NEW YORK.

In the Empire State, that hath waxed so great  
By the things that are and the men who dare,  
Where the works are done that shall challenge fate,  
In the city of gold by the sea so fair;  
In the marts of trade and the haunts of care,  
Where they toil and they jest, and but death gives rest,—  
We have reared our fane and shall not beware:  
This is the state that we love the best.

### II. MASSACHUSETTS.

In the old Bay State, with its Boston gate  
That doth open the way to its culture rare,  
Where the scholar may come to his high estate,  
There is history made, there is fame to spare;  
In the halls of learning that rise so fair  
For the eager quest of the truth that blest,—

We have reared our fane and shall not beware:  
This is the state that we love the best.

## III. VIRGINIA.

In the Cavalier State, of most ancient date,  
With its lands so proud and its valleys fair  
That are loved by the sun and the mountains great,  
And doth ever the glamor of glory wear;  
Where the race arose that could do and dare,  
And their deeds are the test of the gentle's crest,—  
We have reared our fane and shall not beware:  
This is the state that we love the best.

## ENVOY.

Lord, in the hearts of our friends who care  
For the lords whom we test and we toast as guests,  
We have reared our fane and shall not beware:  
This is the state that we love the best.

—CHAMBERS BAIRD, Harvard '82.

The last of the notable dinners was given to Edward C. Stokes, Brown, '83, Governor of New Jersey, March 24, 1905, at the hotel Astor in New York city. It was well attended, about 300 being present.

The banquets we have specially referred to have been prominent by reason of the attendance or the guests honored or both. As the fraternity grows larger, each year in Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City, Buffalo, and Denver, banquets take place which twenty years ago would have been matters of importance.

HOUSE OF THE DEPAUW CHAPTER.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### *Beta Homes.*

The fraternity at large has never been an owner of property. Its home is in the hearts of its members. But the members in the chapters are fast being gathered into chapter homes, either owned or rented by themselves or special corporations organized for the purpose, and one alumni club at least owned its own home.

#### THE WOGLIN CLUB.

This was a club composed of alumni scattered all over the country, and it purchased and for several years maintained a summer resort on Lake Chautauqua, and merits some extended notice. The inception, as told by one of its organizers in the fraternity journal, was as follows:

A party of Beta Theta Pi alumni, while en route to the recent Saratoga convention (of 1883), stopped at Lake Chautauqua, New York. During their stay at this beautiful lake, it was suggested that the alumni might there establish a resort, similar to the summer club, house and cottage associations which are in successful operation at Bass Island, Little Mountain, and other places in the country, where the accommodations are equal to the general resorts, but at largely reduced rate of expense. After thoroughly considering the matter, it was unanimously regarded both practicable and eminently desirable, and that Lake Chautauqua, all things considered, offered the most advantages of any

place in the country. Hon. John Reily Knox, one of the founders of our order, was in the party, and an earnest advocate of the project. Two different visits have been made to the lake since the convention by committees, resulting in securing a contract for purchase at \$150 per acre, of a tract of nineteen acres on the eastern shore of the lake, near Mayville, and named by the committee "Wooglin on Chautauqua." This spot is delightfully isolated and yet within easy reach of all points, and, without exception, is the most beautiful and desirable location on the lake. It is proposed to purchase this land and build a suitable club-house, the company to be composed of alumni members of good character and standing, and such persons only. At this resort the members and their families may spend their vacations, surrounded by all the attractions of the general resorts, but where they will be free from objectionable features and the social pests which infest even the most select of watering places, and where the expense of living will be no greater, and to most members less, than in their own homes.

The project was enthusiastically pushed, was thoroughly advertised throughout the fraternity by letters, circulars and personal interviews, and resulted in the formation of a corporation, March 5, 1884, under the laws of Ohio.

There was no limitation upon the membership to those who belonged to the fraternity. As a matter of fact, however, we do not think anyone not a Beta ever became a member. The idea was to have a large central club-house, with all the features and attractions of a hotel, surrounded by cottages to be built upon lots which were sold to members. The cottagers were, of course, to take their meals at the club-house.

WOGELIN, FROM THE LAKE.

The plot of ground purchased was on the opposite side of the lake from Mayville, about one and one-half miles distant. It had a water frontage of 1,300 feet and a depth of about 600 feet. A post office was established at the place and called "Wooglin, N. Y."

The project was pushed with energy. June 15, 1884, saw the commencement of the building, and the convention of 1884 was held in it, while the upper portion was still in an unfinished condition. Those present at the convention were delighted with the plan, the fine climate, the quiet restfulness of the place, the sense of proprietorship engendered in the boys, the feeling that no objectionable intruders could mar the pleasure of the company, and it was enthusiastically taken up as an enterprise to be fathered by the fraternity.

All went well that season. The convention of 1885 was not held there, but was held in St. Louis; but the succeeding conventions down to 1893 were all held there.

There were several elements of weakness in the project, which only time developed. In the first place, more money was spent than was received, necessitating loans, bonds, liens, mortgages and other confidence-destroying legal measures. Then, the members of the club did not themselves patronize it in any number. Many lived at a distance, many waited for a more convenient season, and the fact was, the bulk stayed away, and left the faithful few to shoulder the burden. The season, too, was very short, being practically limited to July and August of each year.



CLUB HOUSE AT WOODLIN.

In 1889 there was great dissatisfaction expressed with the management of the club; the interest on the debt was not paid, and the prospect of prolonged and disastrous litigation was speedily realized.

A new management mended matters some, but not much. The feeling of distrust had spread among the members, and cottages were not built, visitors did not come, lawns were not laid out, and progress generally stopped. In the summer of 1893 Prof. Thornburg, by his own efforts, put a system of water supply into the clubhouse and perfected the drainage, but the attendance, outside of the convention week, was practically *null*.

The property cost about \$36,000. The mortgages on it were foreclosed and it passed into the possession of a hotel company. It was run as a hotel for one season but the house was destroyed by fire in 1896. It is unfortunate that the name of the fraternity was ever attached to the club. It was the outcome of the highest enthusiasm and the most intense loyalty, but the members have learned that the tie that binds the Betas together does not necessarily extend to their wives and families, and that the possession of real estate is not an unmixed blessing.

The idea was a good one, but the experience gained from it has once more taught the lesson that membership in fraternities like ours can not be made the basis of business enterprises.

The conventions which were held there will all be pleasantly remembered by all who attended them.

In 1893, when the first edition of this book was prepared, four of the chapters owned houses, viz.: Amherst, Michigan, DePauw and California, and fifteen chapters rented them, viz.: Boston, Maine, Weleyan, Cornell, Stevens, St. Lawrence. Colgate, Syracuse, Pennsylvania State, Johns Hopkins, Lehigh, Ohio State, Minnesota and Beloit.

Now in 1907, 26 chapters own houses, viz.: Amherst, Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Maine, Rutgers, Wesleyan, Yale, Colgate, Cornell, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Dickinson, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State, North Carolina, Ohio State, Denison, DePauw, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, California, Stanford and Washington State.

And 32 chapters rent houses, viz.: Boston, Columbia, Stevens, Toronto, Union, Johns Hopkins, Washington & Jefferson, Virginia, Texas, Bethany, Ohio, Wittenberg, Case, Kenyon, Ohio Wesleyan, Western Reserve, Wooster, Indiana, Purdue, Wabash, Beloit, Chicago, Illinois, Knox, Northwestern, Wisconsin, Iowa State, Iowa Wesleyan, Nebraska, Colorado, Denver and Kansas. Of these Bethany, Indiana, Beloit and Illinois are living in houses especially built for them.

The Washington (Mo.), West Virginia and Cincinnati chapters rent apartments which afford many of the conveniences of a chapter house.

The Brown, Stevens, Union, Texas, Vanderbilt, Western Reserve, Ohio Wesleyan, Knox, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Kansas chapters all have plans matured, con-

HOUSE OF THE YALE CHAPTER.

siderable money collected and in several instances the ground purchased on which to erect houses.

The entire fraternity is therefore in chapter houses except Brown, which is now building, and Davidson, Hampden-Sidney, Central, Hanover, and Westminster. It is a curious fact that the five last mentioned are all relatively small Presbyterian colleges. The need for new dormitory room has not been felt there as keenly as elsewhere.

It will be understood that these houses vary much in size, cost and appointments. The Yale house for example is used purely as a club house. The men do not sleep or eat in the house. The Wesleyan house is a dwelling and all of the members of the chapter eat there whether they live there or not. Almost every chapter has a plan of its own which differs from that of every other chapter.

In the houses which have been especially built for the chapters there is usually provided a suitable lodge room or meeting place. In houses not so specially built the parlors are used as assembly rooms. In the newly built houses the ground floor is usually arranged so that the rooms can all be thrown into one open space and so be well adapted for dancing and for banquet purposes. The bed rooms are commonly arranged so that two of them open into a common study room.

When the chapter houses were first in use many fraternity workers advocated a uniform design for all of the houses in the fraternity, but the scheme was found to be impracticable.

HOUSE OF THE AMHERST CHAPTER.

The houses are run in the usual manner common to clubs. There is generally a house committee, but sometimes the chapter as a whole acts as such. Usually each member, whether he rooms or eats in the house or not, pays a house tax, and then pays separately for the other accommodations which he receives.

The houses are owned by the chapters incorporated as clubs, by associations of alumni, through the medium of trustees and possibly in other ways. Some of the corporations are stock corporations and some are membership corporations. The money to purchase the houses has been secured in some instances by gift, in other cases through the sale of stock. All of the houses are being gradually paid for and when the houses are all paid for they will be worth in the aggregate nearly, if not quite, a million dollars. They range in cost from \$3,500 to \$28,000.

The Amherst house was the first one owned in the fraternity. It is described as follows:

It is very pleasantly located on the corner of College and Maple streets, facing the common, and is surrounded by a large and beautiful lawn, with a tennis court in the rear. It is about three minutes walk from chapel, and two minutes from the post-office. The house was built in 1883, with the thought of having it adapted to fraternity life. In 1886 it was purchased by the chapter, and since then the interior has been changed for the convenience of the fraternity; and during the past few years, the hall, parlor and reading room have been refitted and tastefully refurnished. On entering the house, the parlor is on the left from which the reading room opens by folding doors. With

HOUSE OF THE CALIFORNIA CHAPTER



the exception of a large billiard room in the rear of the house, and opening on the back piazza, the other rooms on the first floor are used for studies. There are eleven suites of rooms, accommodating 27 students, the sleeping rooms being in the back part of the house, on the second and third floors. From the vestibule the hall runs through the house to a rear hall, which opens upon the back piazza. A broad veranda extends across the front of the house.

The California house is unique in appearance. It was opened in the spring of 1893, and is described by the corresponding secretary as follows:

The new hall of Omega chapter is located just outside the university grounds, to the north, on high ground, from which there is a magnificent view of San Francisco bay, Mt. Tamalpais and the Golden Gate. The greatest length of the house is from north to south, the accompanying photograph showing this length as seen from the northwest, the trees in the university grounds in the background. The house is in three main divisions, the central one being the Chapter hall, with high, arched ceiling, lighted by dormers at the second story level. French windows open out from it to the great veranda on the west. At one end of the hall is a very large fireplace, with surrounding seats in the walls. Above this is a balcony, gained by a stairway at the left; this balcony crosses to the library, which occupies the second story of the second division of the house. This second division, containing the library upstairs and sitting-room downstairs is connected with the chapter hall at the southwest corner of the latter. French windows open out from the sitting-room, also, upon the veranda. The third part of the house, lying to the north of the chapter hall, is three stories high, and contains on the ground floor the reception hall and oriel, the dining-room, kitchen and pantries; on the second floor four sleeping rooms, bath room and lavatory, and on the third floor three sleeping

**HOUSE OF THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER.**

rooms, shower bath and lavatory; besides this, there is a house keeper's room, on a half floor between the first and second floors. Part of this third division is covered with plaster, as seen in the picture. The rest is covered with unpainted cedar shingles. The dining room has its greatest length east and west, *i. e.*, perpendicularly to that of the chapter hall, from which it is separated by panels, which can be removed when occasion requires. The inside finish is redwood, with the natural color preserved by oil and wax. The dining-room and chapter hall are paneled to a height of about nine feet. The house is lighted with incandescent lights. The picture does not show the main entrance, which faces the east, and is immediately behind the dining-room.

The house of the DePauw chapter was secured in 1890 and was purchased from Professor Tompkins, of the State Normal School.

It contains 12 rooms, and 14 students now room in it. There are two double parlors and a music room and library, besides the bedrooms. The house is situated within four doors of the main college. It has a beautiful lawn and fine tennis court, and there is a suitable driveway and stable. The house has the modern improvements, and is lighted with gas.

The Michigan chapter house stands on a lot 100 by 150 feet at the southwest corner of State and Madison streets, a short block from the campus. Six other fraternity houses are in the immediate vicinity and as the Michigan Union has purchased the old Judge Cooley place, three doors north, for its permanent club house, the location is the best in town.

The place was purchased January 17, 1891, for \$9,750 and the old square two story red brick building with porch and bathroom added made a very acceptable chapter house until abandoned after commencement in 1902.

HOUSE OF THE RUTGERS CHAPTER

The present house is built of cream brick with white porch and trimmings and in a few years will be entirely covered with ivy. It is square, 60 x 60 feet, three stories high and stands well back surrounded by a green lawn, stone walks and fine trees.

The interior is even better than the exterior. As one enters he steps from the vestibule into a square hall two stories high with the broad stairway dividing and leading to right and left to the gallery which extends around all four sides of the hall. One suite of three rooms, four of two, a single room, a bath room with showers, etc., opens off the gallery. Two flights of stairs lead to the third floor which has four suites of two rooms each, two single rooms and a bath room as well as the chapter hall. This latter is 24 x 30 feet and 16 feet high with gallery and ante rooms.

On the first floor, opening from the hall are the reception and dining rooms on the left and parlor on the right. These can all be thrown together for dancing or banquets. At the northwest corner of the house beyond the side entrance on Madison street is the general loafing room with the library, broad leather window seats and great open fire place. In the basement is the steam heating apparatus, laundry, store rooms and space for billiard room and fire proof vault which it is planned to add later. There is a rear entrance to the basement and kitchen and on the second and third floors, entirely separate from the main part of the house, are the servants' quarters.

HOUSE OF THE MINNESOTA CHAPTER.

The house accommodates twenty-two men without crowding and the dining room seats thirty-six with room left for as many more Betas as there may be on the visiting athletic team.

The whole property represents a cash investment of \$35,000. The generous alumni have already contributed one-half of this amount and notes from the active members and alumni and income from the chapter make the problem of paying the remainder a simple question of time. The title is held by "The Beta Theta Pi Club of Michigan" and too much credit cannot be given to Junius E. Beal and John H. Grant, both of '82, for the part they have played in the work. The new house was dedicated June 17, 1903. The chapter first entered a house in the fall of 1882. The architect of the Michigan house was Albert F. D'Oench, Washington, '72.

"The Minnesota house is Greek in style as well as name. It is an exact reproduction of the Parthenon save as to size and materials. Its dimensions are 35 x 65 feet including the portico. The walls are of brick veneer, the columns and cornices of timber. A handsome general effect has been secured by careful attention to the brick work and painting. Great pains were taken to select bricks of uniform color, and these were laid with colored mortar after a unique method. The character of the whole structure indicates that it is an abode for Greeks, and the particular clan to which it belongs is proclaimed by a simple plate in the tympanum with the letters B Θ Π in gold upon a maroon background, the colors of the uni-

HOUSE OF THE MISSOURI CHAPTER.



versity. Two sets of double doors in copper and very heavy plate glass bear the same letters in handsome monograms."

"The entire first floor is devoted to chapter and social life. A wide hall, separated from the rooms on each side by arches only, leads to the chapter-hall at the rear of the building. This room is, as every chapter-hall ought to be, the largest and finest in the building; it has for its length the whole width of the structure, 35 feet, and for its width 15 feet. The wood work is of quartered oak, and the furniture is of the same material. The walls are tinted pink and blue and are adorned with chapter pictures, banners, athletic trophies and other evidences of B Π achievements. In front of the chapter room at the right of the hall are two parlors, on the left a lounging-room and a wide staircase leading to the second floor. The lounging-room contains a large fireplace, a handsome mantel and a comfortable settle. Both mantel and settle are of the same material as the rest of the wood-work outside of the chapter-hall—sycamore stained mahogany. The furniture is of mahogany and leather; the draperies of heavy red silk. The floors are of hard maple. The arrangement of the rooms has elicited much admiration; by opening two sliding doors the entire floor can be thrown into what is practically one big room with a number of cozy corners, making splendid provision for dancing and receptions."

"The second floor is divided into five rooms for members who desire to reside in the house. Each room is

**HOUSE OF THE MAINE CHAPTER.**

large enough to accommodate two men. All have large closets and are well lighted."

"The third floor is a large hall planned for initiations, gymnastics and similar uses. At one end of it is a platform, which can be utilized as a stage for private theatricals."

"The basement contains a large dining-room, pantry, kitchen, matron's room and furnace room. The house is heated by hot water and lighted by gas and electricity."

The Maine house is a monument to the loyalty of the alumni of that chapter. Suddenly realizing the need for new accommodations the alumni with a small nucleus of \$2,000 raised nearly \$11,000 more in ten weeks, and built the house in a remarkably short time.

It is an attractive house of a modified colonial type, specially designed for the site it occupies. The house is low and rambling, with agreeable lines. It faces the south, that is, toward the campus. The length on the front is eighty-seven feet, and on the west, the side which faces the Stillwater river, it is sixty-five feet.

The entrance is into a living-hall, thirty by thirty-two feet, from the rear of which a winding flight of stairs leads to the second story. Connecting with the hall, in the main house, is a reading room, fifteen by thirty-two. This room has an open fireplace and a bay window. In the rear of the reading room is a study and a bed room. A hall connects with a door opening toward the athletic field. Opening into the hall, in the ell, is the dining-room, eighteen by thirty-one. This also has a fireplace

HOUSE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER

and a bay window with a long, low window-seat. These three rooms, the hall, reading and dining-rooms, give a large floor space for dancing. Opening from the hall are French windows, leading to a piazza, from which steps go down to the terraces, sloping toward the river. Back of the dining room are a butler's pantry, kitchen, pantry, a room for the chef, a bedroom and several closets. There is an entrance from the south back of the kitchen with stairs going to the second floor and to the cellar, and another on the east end, where a new road is to be laid out.

On the second floor are seven studies, six of them in the main part of the house. These are about fifteen by sixteen, and accommodate three men each. There are also two bathrooms, a lavatory and nine bedrooms. The bedrooms are about nine by twelve, with a closet in each; an outside window and transom over the door provide for a good circulation of air in each room.

The third floor is available for storage only. The house is heated by steam and lighted by electricity. it will accommodate twenty-four or twenty-five men comfortably.

The North Carolina house is a small one but it suits its environment, is admirably adapted for its purpose and has been of great help to the chapter. As illustrating the spirit with which many of the chapter houses have been built, we reproduce from the *Beta Theta Pi*, some account of the enterprise written by an undergraduate at the time the house was built. The first ap-

HOUSE OF THE BOWDOIN CHAPTER.

peal for money met with the following reply:

CHAIRMAN HOUSE COMMITTEE, CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

*Dear Brother:* Your letter is by me, and will answer now because I have been waiting for a chance to express my appreciation of the permanent part the fraternity played in my life. Enclosed you will find ten dollars. Will give more when I can. Wish I were able now. As ever,

Yours *in*———*kai*———

P. S.—I want to come to the house-warming when it is ready.

“This was the note. It was our first response. Its cordial spirit put new life into us, it made us feel that H B stands for something real to her sons.”

“With such encouragement we went on; and by June the best located lot on the edge of the campus was ours. Then Mr. R. F. Dalton, of Greensboro, father of Brother A. C. Dalton, became interested in our earnest efforts. He proved a friend indeed; secured building material at cost, supervised the work free of charge, and obtained the money needed that we could not secure. He made trip after trip here at his own expense until a few weeks ago, when the house was turned over to us.”

“This is the best fraternity house on “The Hill,”—not such a home, of course, as many of our more fortunate brothers have in the North and West; but this little Beta cottage looks fine down here. Down stairs the house has a comparatively large reception room, a wide corridor, a meeting-hall and an alumni chamber; up stairs, four bed rooms.”

“The social feature of the chapter is a great part of its

HOUSE OF THE LEHIGH CHAPTER.



life, but that isn't the best thing about the chapter house. The most beautiful thing about our true fraternal life is the home place, so to speak, that the fraternity takes to encourage the boys to do higher things. We believe that is what B @ II stands for, nationally, and we know that is what she is earnestly trying to stand for, locally. Last year the only fraternity man in college who made Φ B K was a Beta; and this year the athletic editor of Carolina's athletic organ is a Beta; also, the present president of the literary society—the first fraternity man that has been its president in three years."

The Lehigh house was purchased by the chapter and cost a little over \$10,000. It is admirably situated, and is described by the Lehigh men as follows:

"Our new home is exceptionally well adapted for a fraternity house. The first floor is divided into library and dining room on one side and saloon parlor on the other, with reception hall and winding stairs in the center. Back of these is a kitchen, cloak-room and study. On the second floor are seven study rooms and a bath room. The third floor contains one study, a bath and bed rooms. Our plan is to have study and sleeping rooms separate, and even though this necessitates much floor space, we have room for nineteen men comfortably. The outside appearance is much added to by a terraced green and side lawn."

The Pennsylvania State chapter has a beautiful house worth about \$20,000. The movement to secure it is described as follows:

HOUSE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAPTER.

"The board of trustees of the college, at its meeting in June, 1894, allotted a very desirable portion of the campus to the fraternities, an acre to be given to any fraternity which would erect a creditable building, the style and cost of same to be approved by the board. Alpha Upsilon immediately applied, and had the choice of lots. Among the alumni present at commencement and the active chapter, \$2,100 was promptly pledged. In order to properly carry on the project it was deemed advisable to form a corporation, which was done under the name of the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of the Fraternity of Beta Theta Pi."

"With this amount the building committee set to work. Plans and specifications were adopted and the contract let. Ground was broken before the summer was ended, and the work pushed forward steadily until it was completed, in May, 1895."

"The building is of select brick, with slate roof; a veranda 12 feet in width encircles three sides of the house, giving an entire frontage to the building of 88 feet. The interior is finished in oak, with hard wood floors. The hall through the center on the first floor is 19 x 27 feet, with the drawing room and club room, each 15 x 21 feet, on one side, and the dining room, 22 x 30 feet, pantry and kitchen on the other. The rooms on this floor are so arranged with large doors that all can be thrown into one. The sleeping and study rooms, on the second and third floors, are 14 in number, beside a bath room on each floor. One room is very large, and intended for occas-

HOUSE OF THE DENISON CHAPTER.

ions when a large number of visitors are in the house. It will allow of a dozen cots, which will be brought into requisition in the commencement season. These rooms are all commodious and specially well lighted, while the sanitary arrangements throughout the house are most satisfactory. The house is heated by steam."

"Any mention of the building must include the beautiful opalescent emblematic window at the first landing as you ascend the main stairway. Considerable time was spent on this feature. Designs were submitted by a number of artists in the east, and after a great deal of deliberation a selection was made. The idea you will get from the accompanying cut. The worth of its design and harmonious coloring cannot be adequately described." This house was burned a year or two after its erection but was at once rebuilt on its original lines.

The Denison chapter house is a three-story frame building erected on a lot of one and one-half acres at the corner of Elm and Mulberry streets in Granville, Ohio. On the first floor there is a general assembly room thirty-one feet long by seventeen feet wide opening with large double doors into a dining room thirty-three feet long by sixteen feet wide. Another side of the assembly room opens into a front hall, across which is a music room, and this in turn opens into a smoking room or den. At the back of the house are the kitchen and pantries. On the second and third floors are ten bedrooms for the members, giving room for twenty men. At the back of the second and third floors, and entirely cut off from the

HOUSE OF THE DARTMOUTH CHAPTER.

main part of the house, are four rooms for the house keeper and her assistants. On the third floor a room about twenty-two by twenty-five feet is reserved for an initiation hall. On three sides of the house is a porch one hundred and eighty feet long and fifteen feet wide. At the back of the house is a tennis court.

The architect of the Dartmouth chapter house was Charles A. Rich, '75, a member of the chapter. The house is described by the Dartmouth men as follows: The house resembles a comfortable colonial mansion. It is two stories in height in front and one in the rear; the whole rear, in fact, being taken up by a large ground-floor room, called in the plans a "goat" hall or initiation room. It is expected that this room will be used for initiations and for a chapter assembly room. This room has a large center skylight and small side windows far above the floor, so as to give a large amount of wall space for decorative purposes. This is a somewhat novel feature in fraternity houses."

"The house has stone foundations, but is otherwise a frame structure; the style being as stated above, colonial in general effect and harmonizing admirably with its surroundings. The third story is so arranged that it can be supplied with dormer windows and finished off into suites of rooms as may be required."

"The framing of the house is of spruce, the outside finish of white pine, the inside finish of white wood. The front hall, vestibule, goat-room and stairs are finished in Flemish oak, the floors in quartered oak and the base-

HOUSE OF THE STANFORD CHAPTER.



ment in cypress. A huge fireplace is supplied to the hall and the goat-room, large enough for large logs."

"The closet room is ample, the toilet facilities good, the plumbing of the latest sanitary type and the scheme of decoration simple and neat almost to severity. In the basement are a billiard room, the janitor's apartments and storage rooms."

The Stanford chapter house is on the campus and near to the scene of all the student activities. When it was built in 1897 it was described by the chapter as follows:

"The Beta house faces about southwest, and is surrounded by very fine prospects. Just across the roadway in front of the house the rounded foothills begin to rise. These are tan-colored during the greater part of the year, and are dotted with evergreen live-oak."

It has three stories. The roofs are large, and sweep to the first story in front and to the second story in the rear. There are three verandas and a balcony. The color is dull bluish green, with cream trimmings. Our lot is very large."

"The first floor is given up entirely to the parlor, reception hall, library, dining room, and kitchen, with its accompanying essentials. The wood work is Oregon fir. The walls are finished with a panelled wainscoating of a height of five feet, and rough plastering tinted in terra cotta in the reception hall and parlor, in green in the library, and in cream in the dining room. The house is about 60 x 45 feet in dimensions—not very large, but the

HOUSE OF THE COLGATE CHAPTER

parlor and hall are quite large, occupying a great part of the first floor space, and are connected by so wide an opening, in the center of which are three pillars supporting the top beam, that in connection with the dining room, which can be thrown in with them, they form a fairly commodious dancing space."

"On the second floor, there are eight living rooms and two bath rooms. The rooms are large enough, and all but one have good closets. The third floor is at present one large attic, which serves admirably for initiation purposes, and in which we intend to hold private theatricals for our own amusement. We can now accommodate 16 persons with ease, and shall finally be able to house 24."

This house was slightly injured by the earthquake in 1906, but the damage was speedily repaired. It is one of the handsomest houses at Stanford and is beautifully surrounded with flowers and shrubbery.

The Colgate chapter house is located on Broad street in Madison facing the university campus and nearly opposite Taylor Hall. At the rear it overlooks the valley to the south. The interior is finished in quartered oak. The fireplaces have mantels with Dutch tiles. The house is three stories high and has accommodations for fifteen students. On the first floor are the library, reception room and dining room. The second and third stories are divided into study rooms and sleeping rooms. The house is heated by steam and is supplied with water from an artesian well on the premises.

HOUSE OF THE CORNELL CHAPTER.

The Cornell chapter house is situated in a commanding location. It is well back from the street and is reached by an inclined pathway. The style is Elizabethan, the second story having projecting from it five large gables of plaster and black beam work. The materials are brown mottled brick with darker brick trimmings for the first story, and stained shingles for the second and third stories. On the first floor is a reception room, library and living room all opening from a spacious hall and finished in high paneling and with overhead beam work in dark wood. The upper floors are finished in the same color tone. There are eleven suites of two rooms each accommodating twenty-two men. The dining room, kitchen and pantry are in the basement and as the house is on a hillside and the ground slopes rapidly toward the rear these rooms are well lighted. The house cost about \$22,500.

The Bowdoin chapter house was completed in June, 1901. It stands on McKean street facing south. It is built of wood in Colonial style. The lot has a frontage of 200 feet and contains several fine elm trees. The first story is divided by a wide hall. Four study rooms are on one side of it and a large parlor and a dining room are on the other side. The parlor is finished in white and has an open fireplace. On the second floor there are four large study rooms with bed rooms adjoining and two other bed rooms. On the third floor there are two large sleeping rooms, the chapter hall and a billiard room. The upper halls are lighted with stained glass windows. There

HOUSE OF THE WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER

is an ell containing the kitchen and steward's apartments. The house is finished in hard wood with polished floors and is heated by steam and lighted by electricity.

The chapter house of the Washington State chapter is in Fraternity Row in the suburb known as University Heights and about four miles from the business district of Seattle. The lot is 60 x 120 feet. The house comprises three stories and a basement. The first floor consists of a large reception room opening immediately from the vestibule opposite the door of which is the stairway and large open fireplace. To the left is the dining room and to the right at the rear is the library. The entire floor can be thrown into one and as it has a hard wood floor it is admirably arranged for dancing. The second floor has three rooms in front and two on each side and the third floor has five rooms and a store room. The rooms are very large and there is little choice between them, and the house is furnished with all modern conveniences.

The Yale chapter house is on Crown street, New Haven, between College and High streets and one block south of the campus. The lot is 40 x 160 feet. The house is two stories and a half. It was a dwelling house, but the front has been taken down and replaced with a plain front with an iron door in the center flanked by two Grecian columns. The interior has also been remodelled to suit the purposes of the chapter. The Yale men are not permitted to live outside of the dormitories and in consequence the house is used purely as a club house.

The Missouri chapter house is of wood, two stories

HOUSE OF THE WESLEYAN CHAPTER.



and a half high and contains fifteen rooms. It is finished in hard wood and is a very comfortable dwelling.

The Wesleyan chapter house is located on the corner of two streets almost three blocks from the campus. The lot is a large one and the house has ample lawn space around it. It is a dwelling house of a usual suburban type but is very large and comfortable. A central hall divides the first story. At the right is a large parlor and at the left a library, back of which is the dining room. The library has a bay extending to the second floor. The bed rooms are very large and are decorated in the usual student style.

The house of the Syracuse chapter fronts on Walnut Park, the most beautiful and picturesque in the city, but one block from the campus. The lot is 50 x 100 feet and there is a large front and rear lawn; the latter of which can be used for a tennis court.

The house is a three story, frame building, with a large basement containing the laundry. It is light gray with white trimmings and has a shingle roof. The living apartments are large and roomy throughout, containing all the modern appointments, such as heating plant, electricity, hard wood floors and finishings, steel ceilings and massive fire places.

The lower floor contains four large rooms, a reception hall, living room, dining room and kitchen. This floor is convertible by large doors, into a dance hall.

The reception hall is furnished with weathered oak. In the living room, which is 15 feet by 30 feet, leather is

**HOUSE OF THE OHIO STATE CHAPTER.**

used for upholstering, while tables with current literature, a piano and large fire place add to the homelike effect. The dining room is a 14 feet by 20 feet room with heavy oak wainscoting.

The upper floors contain, aside from wide halls, baths, store rooms and matron's quarters, eight rooms capable of accommodating sixteen men. The furnishings include, steel cots, folding beds, chiffoniers, desks, book racks and large wardrobes, while several of the rooms have plate rails and window seats. The bed rooms and halls are carpeted in Axminster.

The home of the Theta Delta chapter at the Ohio State University was the first fraternity house erected at that institution and the chapter has the further distinction of having years ago first introduced the chapter house mode of living among college fraternities in Ohio.

Briefly described, the house is a large, modern, well-constructed dwelling of colonial style, situated on a corner lot 100 x 170 feet, in a fine residence district two blocks from the main entrance to the university. The exterior walls of the building are of a red brick laid in Flemish bond, with trimmings of ivory white. The roof is of slate. A two-story porch, supported by large fluted columns with Ionic caps adorns the front, while a spacious one-story porch is at the side, both being connected by a walled terrace extending along the entire north and west sides of the building. In the rear is a drive and tennis court.

The house proper is 57 x 47 feet and contains 24

HOUSE OF THE DICKINSON CHAPTER

rooms, exclusive of the basement. It has a large center living hall, 20 x 30 feet, with an immense ingle nook with depressed floor at the rear end; a spacious dining room on the east side with kitchen and pantry in the rear; and a music room and library on the west side; all connected by double doors. There is an alumni chamber at the rear of the library and a lavatory at the rear of the living room. A side entrance leads past a coat and telephone room. The second floor contains seven double study rooms with alcoves for beds, a linen closet and bath; including a shower. The third floor contains four study rooms, a chapter room, servants' quarters and a lavatory.

The interior finish is along mission lines and the furnishings and decorations are harmonious and elegant, the electric fixtures being exceptionally fine. The heating system is hot water. A clothes chute and an electric dinner gong are among the conveniences.

The building was designed by Edward C. Fenimore, Ohio State, '99.

The chapter house of the Dickinson chapter stands on a corner lot 60 x 240 feet. The house itself is 45 x 30 and is built of brick laid in the Flemish bond and with a slate roof. It is Georgian in style with a Greek Doric portico.

On the first floor there are two rooms, a large living room and a chapter room. On the second floor there are five bedrooms and a bath room, each room having large closets. The house is provided with hard wood floors throughout and with steam heat, electric light and gas.

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In the living room on the first floor is a very large fireplace.

The porch is 20 feet long by 11 feet wide. The lot is so large that an extension can readily be built upon the rear of the house without altering its present lines, so that should more accommodation be needed, it can readily be supplied in the future. At present the space back of the house is used as a tennis court.

The house is in the very best colonial style. The main body of brick is dark red, the portico is cream white and the slate roof is dark green, making a very pleasant combination.

The house was designed by Edwin H. Fetterolf, Pennsylvania, '94.

The house of the St. Lawrence chapter was constructed during the summer of 1897. It is a colonial structure 89 x 31 feet, two and one-half stories high. It stands upon the southwestern corner of the old college campus, which with the new additions to the campus recently purchased, brings it about midway of the front of the college land. The building is constructed entirely of wood, The covering being random shingles. The shingles were originally dipped in silver grey shingle stain and have colored with the weather to a neutral tint. The chapter house faces the north and upon the front has a long and wide veranda about 12 feet wide by 40 feet long. The first floor of the building is occupied by a large entrance and reception hall with wide colonial fireplace and staircase, a parlor about 30 feet square finished after colonial pat-

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terns in white and green, and a dining room of sufficient size for the ordinary purposes of the house. In the rear are the necessary kitchens, pantries and butler's pantries. The second floor is divided entirely into rooms for the occupants of the house with the exception of a cozy corner in the hall at the head of the stairs which is used as a general daily meeting place and library. The upper floor which is lighted by dormer windows in the roof, gives a large room for a chapter hall and also the necessary rooms for servants. The house is heated by steam and lighted by electric lights and is in every way a convenient and serviceable house for all purposes. It accommodates about fourteen members. There has been talk of an extension in the rear which would give a large dining room which could be also used as a banqueting hall instead of using the present parlor, and a few more rooms on the second floor. This would leave the present dining room to be used for a billiard room, and with this addition the house would be unusually complete.

We are unable to present illustrations of the houses of the Iowa and Pennsylvania chapters. They are so situated that good photographs have not been secured.



## CHAPTER XVIII.

### *The Membership.*

The membership of the fraternity is of course varied, and made up of many diverse elements. When the matter is considered, it is certainly remarkable that a fraternity which, down to the year 1870, at least, was in the main confined to relatively small institutions, should have acquired a membership containing more prominent men in many walks of life in which the comparison may be made than Harvard University, with all its years of history and set in the center of a homogeneous, knowledge-loving people. Comparisons are odious, and while in the lists that follow of those who have made names for themselves we shall necessarily omit mention of many who might perhaps with equal justice be included, such omissions, we assure our readers, are due entirely to lack of adequate information.

We must also consider the vexed question of honorary and double memberships. If by the term "honorary" members is meant persons who acquired membership in the fraternity while they were not undergraduate students at college, we have a few of them, but if by the term is meant persons elected to membership by reason of their preeminence and prominence in the public eye,

and for the luster their reputation, already gained, might add to the fraternity's renown, then we have none at all. The fraternity has never elected foreign dukes, cannibal kings, great soldiers or fighting admirals to membership because they were distinguished.

In the early days of the fraternity, as the previous pages show, our membership was not of necessity confined to college students, and until the fraternity system developed and its general practices became limited by custom, it was not uncommon for young men of promise, residents of a place wherein a chapter was located, or intimately associated with the Betas, to be received into a chapter. Schuyler Colfax was a prominent instance of such a member, and a better Beta was never known.

Then, again, in these early days the opposition of college faculties to secret societies led to the initiation of college tutors, professors or trustees, whose influence might and frequently did mitigate the force of this opposition. Among men so initiated were Wm. Clarke Larrabee and Cyrus Nutt, of DePauw; Henry L. Hitchcock and Geo. E. Pierce, of Western Reserve; Daniel Kirkwood, of Indiana; Thad A. Reamy, of Ohio Wesleyan; James C. Watson and DeVolson Wood, of Michigan; and while, perhaps, many of them never acquired that deep interest in the fraternity which they might have manifested had they been Betas while undergraduates, yet there have been others like Dr. Reamy who have by their fidelity won a place in the hearts of all the brotherhood.

The fraternity has also, at times, received into its fold chapters of other fraternities, or societies of local origin, never, let it be said, with a taint of disloyalty or dishonor attaching to such a transaction. In all such cases permission has been freely accorded to bring into Beta membership such of the alumni or members of the former organization as desired to come. It has always been felt that it would be unfair to secure the result of the previous work done by such members, without affording them an opportunity of continuing their former relations.

Upon the disintegration of  $\mathbf{K} \Phi \Lambda$ , its Denison chapter entered  $\mathbf{B} \Theta \Pi$ ; the Brown chapter of  $\Phi \mathbf{K} \Lambda$ , the Mississippi chapter of  $\mathbf{A} \mathbf{K} \Phi$ ; the Missouri chapter of  $\mathbf{Z} \Phi$ , the Dartmouth chapter of  $\Sigma \Delta \Pi$ , and all of the living chapters of  $\mathbf{A} \Sigma \mathbf{X}$ , and the Mystical Seven and local societies at Amherst, Coigate, Union, Cincinnati, Hampden-Sidney, Randolph-Macon, Ohio State, Dickinson, Bowdoin, Illinois, Colorado, Purdue, Toronto, Case, Iowa State and perhaps elsewhere, when they entered Beta Theta Pi, acquired the right of bringing in their alumni, which right they have freely exercised. Some of the most active and enthusiastic men in the fraternity to-day have been received in this way. Occasionally the alumni of such societies have refused or neglected to exercise their privilege in this respect, but the loss has been theirs, not ours. Members acquired in this way we do not regard as honorary members and neither do they so regard themselves.

The question of membership in two fraternities is a

vexing one to the undergraduate of this generation, but it naturally arose. In the earlier days, when Beta Theta Pi was almost wholly a western organization, its members would frequently leave the colleges where they were initiated, and go to eastern colleges, where we had no chapters, to complete their studies. A constant emigration of this nature took place. Many such Betas having felt the benefits to be derived from fraternity membership, and being sought by the fraternity chapters in their new college home, and thinking that chapters of our fraternity could not or would not ever be established in such places, became members of the eastern fraternities with no thought of disloyalty toward Beta Theta Pi. The practice was forbidden by our constitution, but it was also felt that "circumstances alter cases," and it was winked at; accordingly there are on our rolls to-day members of  $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta K E$ ,  $\Psi Y$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ ,  $X \Psi$ , and perhaps other fraternities whose standing in  $B \Theta \Pi$  no one questions. Some few members of these and other eastern fraternities were acquired by emigration in the reverse direction.

Then, again, Betas who had accepted positions as professors in eastern colleges were at times elected honorary members of the eastern fraternities, without harm to either organization. There were, unhappily, cases where there was direct and intentional disloyalty, which was promptly met by expulsion from the fraternity. These were, however, very rare.

Since the fraternity has become widespread, and can

afford in its eastern chapters a fraternal home to western Betas, and in its western chapters a home to eastern Betas, there is, of course, no excuse for such double membership, but the former action would now be visited by proper penalties; but the former situation is accountable for perplexing question of allegiance, which lose their vexatious character when the circumstances are understood.

We offer no apology for presenting to the fraternity the following list. As has been well said by another Beta (Albert H. Washburn, Cornell, '89), in setting forth a list of the members who have been governors of states: "Nothing can be of more effective value to any organization than its list of great men. It is a constant source of inspiration to all loyal members. Nor is this all. It emphasizes, as nothing else can, the broad difference between a permanent fraternity and a mere temporary club. The idea of permanence comes to be felt, and its recognition is of immense practical value. Every member is made to realize his individual responsibility; to feel that he has a duty to perform, a reputation to maintain."

In classifying the membership, while we aim at completeness, we scarcely feel that we shall attain it. The kaleidoscopic changes of American life make it impossible to keep up with the swiftly advancing records of the members.

The fraternity being, in its early years, confined to institutions in the central, western and southern states, where the careers open to ambitious youth were either in

law, politics or the church, it is natural that its more eminent members should be found in these walks of life.

Commencing, then, with the officials of the general government, the fraternity has never been fortunate enough to claim the allegiance of an occupant of the Presidential chair. The nearest we have come to it has been the vice presidency.

We begin our roll, then, by the mention of the

*Vice President of the United States:*

<sup>1</sup> Schuyler Colfax, DePauw, '44.

B. Gratz Brown, Transylvania, '46, was the nominee of the Democrats and Liberal Republicans on the ticket with Horace Greeley when the latter ran for the presidency and was defeated.

We are fortunate, in having had several members of the Supreme Court of the United States, often and justly termed the most august tribunal in the world.

*Supreme Court of the United States:*

John M. Harlan, Centre, '50.

William B. Woods, Western Reserve, '42.

Stanley Matthews, Cincinnati, '42.

David J. Brewer, Wesleyan, '53.

All of these, with the exception of Mr. Justice Brewer, came into the fraternity as undergraduates, and did yeoman work in its upbuilding. The careful records of

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<sup>1</sup>In these lists we have omitted the years during which the members named occupied the positions indicated. It would unduly encumber the record and the curious reader can readily ascertain the dates by reference to the fraternity catalogue.



the old Cincinnati chapter, in the painstaking script of Stanley Matthews, are among our most precious relics. Matthews, Woods, and Harlan, were all ardent Beta workers, and the letters of each of them, written as undergraduates, attest an interest which, though dormant at times in the presence of weightier duties, has ever kindled into flame at the call of necessity. Mr. Brewer came to us from the parent chapter of the old Mystical Seven. a true brother and peer of his fellow Beta justices.

*United States Courts:*

Andrew M. J. Cochran, Centre '73, Circuit Judge, *Kentucky*.

Horace H. Lurton, Cumberland, '67, Circuit Judge, *Tennessee*.

Peter S. Grosscup, Wittenberg, '72, Circuit Judge, *Illinois*.

David J. Brewer, Wesleyan, '55, Circuit Judge, *Kansas*.

Willis Van Devanter, DePauw '81, Circuit Judge, *Wyoming*.

John W. Showalter, Ohio, '63, Circuit Judge, *Illinois*.

Alonzo J. Edgerton, Wesleyan, '50, District Judge, *S. Dak.*

Robert E. Lewis, Westminster, '80, District Judge, *Colorado*.

Henry S. Priest, Westminster, '72, District Judge, *Missouri*.

James H. Beatty, Ohio Wesleyan, '58, District Judge, *Idaho*.

Oliver P. Shiras, Ohio, '53, District Judge, *Iowa*.

Walker T. Gunter, Missouri, '90, District Judge, *Utah*.

William M. Springer, DePauw, '58, District Judge, *Indian Territory*.

Hosea Townsend, Western Reserve, '64, District Judge, *Indian Territory*.

*Confederate States Court:*

Thomas Jefferson Devine, Transylvania, '45, District Judge, *Texas*.

In addition James Harlan, DePauw, '45, was Chief Justice of the Court of Claims arising out of the Geneva

Award against Great Britain. Wilbur F. Stone, Indiana, '57, was judge of the Court of Private Land Claims and James Wilson McDill, Miami, '53, was a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Passing now to the Senate of the United States, we find the following:

*United States Senators:*

Daniel W. Voorhees, DePauw, '49, *Indiana*.  
Newton Booth, DePauw, '46, *California*.  
Joseph E. McDonald, Indiana, '49, *Indiana*.  
B. Gratz Brown, Transylvania, '46, *Missouri*.  
Matthew S. Quay, Jefferson, '50, *Pennsylvania*.  
Oliver P. Morton, Miami, '45, *Indiana*.  
James W. McDill, Miami, '53, *Iowa*.  
Stanley Matthews, Cincinnati, '42, *Ohio*.  
Milton S. Latham, Jefferson, '43, *California*.  
John B. Gordon, Georgia, '53, *Georgia*.  
Joseph R. Burton, Hanover, '73, *Kansas*.  
Boies Penrose, Harvard, '81, *Pennsylvania*.  
Joseph L. Rawlins, Indiana, '74, *Utah*.  
James Harlan, DePauw, '45, *Iowa*.  
Alonzo J. Edgerton, Wesleyan, '50, *Minnesota*.  
Norris Brown, Iowa, '83, *Nebraska*.  
William E. Borah, Kansas, '89, *Idaho*.

In undergraduate and after life, each of these have manifested their loyalty to the fraternity in many ways. Senator Brown was the president of the convention of 1885, Stanley Matthews the orator of the convention of 1873, Senators McDonald, Latham, McDill and Voorhees have been among our most popular speakers, and Oliver P. Morton was one of the mainstays of the Alpha

chapter in time of need, and was the direct cause of the foundation of the Wabash and DePauw chapters, while Senator Quay always manifested a lively interest in the fraternity, and was eager to aid its enterprises. General Gordon and Judge Edgerton came from the Mystical Seven.

It might be appropriately added here that Alonzo W. Church, Georgia, '47, is Librarian of the Senate and that Robert E. Dixon, Emory, '50, was Secretary of the Confederate Senate. Oliver P. Morton while senator was a member of the electoral commission in the noted dispute between Hayes and Tilden.

In the lower house of Congress, the fraternity has rarely lacked able representation. We note the following:

*Representatives in Congress:*

Humphrey Marshall, Centre, '44.	John M. Glover, Washington, '71.
John Y. Brown, Centre, '55.	William E. Fuller, Iowa, '70.
Thomas T. Crittenden, Centre, '55.	Martin N. Johnson, Iowa, '73.
James W. McDill, Miami, '53.	Joseph L. Rawlins, Indiana, '74
Ozro J. Dodds, Miami, '61.	William B. Spencer, Centenary, '55.
Jacob J. Pugsley, Miami, '59.	John S. Young, Centenary, '55.
Joseph G. Wilson, Miami, '46.	E. John Ellis, Centenary, '59.
Milton S. Lathan, Jefferson, '43.	Stanley Matthews, Cincinnati, '42.
Henry W. Hoffman, Jefferson, '46.	Townsend Scudder, Columbia, '88.
Halbert E. Paine, Western Reserve, '45.	Rush Clark, Jefferson, '53.
Ulysses Mercur, Jefferson, '42.	

- Daniel W. Voorhees, DePauw, '49.  
John Hanna, DePauw, '58.  
Albert G. Porter, DePauw, '43.  
Schuyler Colfax, DePauw, '44.  
Wm. M. Springer, Illinois, '58.  
Courtland C. Matson, DePauw, '62.  
Isaac Clements, DePauw, '59.  
Robert R. Hitt, DePauw, '55.  
Jonas G. Howard, DePauw, '47.  
Mark L. DeMotte, DePauw, '53.  
Wm. P. McLean, No. Car., '49.  
Joseph E. McDonald, Ind., '49.  
John Coburn, Wabash, '43.  
Robert B. F. Pierce, Wabash, '66.  
Geo. L. Becker, Michigan, '46.  
John S. Newberry, Mich., '47.  
Levi T. Griffin, Michigan, '57.  
John W. McCormick, Ohio, '55.  
Will Cumback, DePauw, '53.  
Wm. M. Kinsey, Monmouth, '69.  
John M. Pattison, O. W. U., '69.  
Henry St. G. Tucker, Washington & Lee, '75.  
Henry M. Pollard, Dartmouth, '57.  
Frank G. Clark, Dartmouth, '73.  
Harvey D. Scott, DePauw, '50.  
Thomas W. Bennett, DePauw, '55.  
James F. Izlar, Emory, '55.  
George T. Barnes, Emory, '53.  
Robert W. Miers, Indiana, '70.  
William D. Bynum, Ind., '69.  
Scott Field, Virginia, '68.  
Charles B. Landis, Wabash, '63.  
Richard W. Blue, Jefferson, '64.  
Miles T. Granger, Wesleyan, '42.  
Timothy D. Pelton, Western Reserve, '48.  
Webster E. Brown, Wisconsin, '74.  
John J. Lentz, Wooster, '81.  
Frank O. Lowden, Iowa, '85.  
William B. Craven, Missouri, '93.  
George W. Cromer, Ind., '82.  
Charles F. Scott, Kansas, '81.  
Benton J. Hall, Miami, '55.  
Albert S. Berry, Miami, '56.  
Henry R. Harris, Emory, '47.  
Henry A. Reeves, Mich., '52.  
John M. Allen, Cumberland, '69.  
William H. Armstrong, Princeton, '47.  
William Elliott, Virginia, '58.  
Paul C. Edmunds, Virginia, '56.  
John S. Wise, Virginia, '67.  
Wm. J. Whitthorne, Cumberland, '67.

Hosea Townsend, Western Reserve, '64.	Henry S. Boutell, Northwestern, '74.
Ezekiel S. Candler, Mississippi, '81.	Ira E. Rider, St. Lawrence, '88.
William S. Cowherd, Missouri, '81.	James A. Beall, Texas, '90.
	William T. Bell, Virginia, '66.

And so widespread has the fraternity become that nearly every election adds to the list. It would, perhaps, be invidious to refer to the individual merits of the members upon this distinguished roll, but the services of Springer, Colfax, Voorhees, Allen and Wilson have passed into our histories as matters of elementary knowledge. Colfax was speaker of the house for a long time, and Springer has been chairman of many of its most important committees. One of the above list, Humphrey Marshall, also served in the Confederate Congress. Among other federal officials, the following may be referred to:

*United States Ministers.*

Albert G. Porter, DePauw, '44, Minister to Italy.  
 Edwin H. Terrill, DePauw, '71, Minister to Belgium.  
 Rufus Magee, Indiana, '64, Minister to Norway and Sweden.  
 Will Cumback, DePauw, '53, Minister to Portugal.  
 William T. Coggeshall, Ohio, '59, Minister to Ecuador.

Oliver P. Morton, Miami, '45, was nominated as Minister to England and John C. Zachos, Cincinnati, '40, Minister to Greece, but each declined the appointment.

Aimaro Sato, DePauw, '87, has been Japanese Minister to Mexico and was chief of staff of the Japanese Peace Commission at the Treaty of Portsmouth.

But few Betas have held bureau or cabinet appointments, but the following with some other officers of the general government deserve notice:

*Other Federal Officers.*

James Harlan, DePauw, '45, Secretary of the Interior.

John W. Noble, Miami, '51, Secretary of the Interior.

David R. Francis, Washington, '70, Secretary of the Interior.

Robert R. Hitt, DePauw, '55, Assistant Secretary of State.

Halbert E. Paine, Western Reserve, '45, Commissioner of Patents.

Benton J. Hall, Miami, '55, Commissioner of Patents.

Albert G. Porter, DePauw, '44, Comptroller of the Treasury.

John W. Yerkes, Centre, '73, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Thomas C. Mendenhall, Western Reserve, '61, Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Charles H. Treat, Dartmouth, Treasurer of the United States.

Delos P. Phelps, Monmouth, '62, Assistant Treasurer of the United States.

Webster W. Davis, Kansas, '88, Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Henry R. Harris, Emory, '47, Third Assistant Postmaster General.

Robert R. Hitt, DePauw, '55, Assistant Secretary of State.

William E. Fuller, Iowa, '70, Assistant Attorney General.

Willis Van Devanter, DePauw, '81, Assistant Attorney General.

In addition, Humphrey Marshall was the first Envoy to China in 1852; B. P. Chenoweth, DePauw, '60, was U. S. Consul at the important post of Canton, J. G. Edgar, Jefferson, '47, at Beirut, Syria; George B. Clark,

Centre, '78, at San Luis Potosi, Mexico; Thomas T. Crittenden, Centre, '55, at Mexico; John M. Morton, Miami, '68, at Honolulu; Samuel R. Millar, Virginia, '91, at Leipsic; John M. Birch, Washington & Jefferson, '72, at Nagasaki, while Zachary T. Sweeney, DePauw, '71, has been Consul General at Constantinople, Samuel Merrill, Wabash, '51, at Calcutta; William A. Brown, DePauw, '72, at Nicaragua, and Ellanson C. Moore, Missouri, '75, at Mexico; Oscar F. Williams, Syracuse, '69, was the last U. S. Consul at Manila under the Spanish rule and is now Consul General at Singapore; William H. Corwin, Miami, '49, has been Secretary of Legation to Mexico and Robert R. Hitt, DePauw, '55, to France.

A host of minor officials might be mentioned, who have served the government in civil positions, as United States district attorneys, department clerks, collectors of customs, treasury agents, clerks in the departments, and the like, but the space will not permit it.

The governors of several states have worn the Beta emblems, among them the following:

*Governors of States.*

B. Gratz Brown, Transylvania, '45, *Missouri*.

Charles H. Hardin, Miami, '40, *Missouri*.

Thos. T. Crittenden, Centre, '55, *Missouri*.

David R. Francis, Washington, '70, *Missouri*.

Louis P. Harvey, Cincinnati, '41, *Wisconsin*.

Milton S. Latham, Jefferson, '43, *California*.

Newton Booth, DePauw, '46, *California*.

Oliver P. Morton, Miami, '45, *Indiana*.

Albert G. Porter, DePauw, '44, *Indiana*.  
Thos. W. Bennett, DePauw, '55, *Idaho*.  
John B. Gordon, Georgia, '53, *Georgia*.  
Samuel H. Elbert, Ohio Wesleyan, '54, *Colorado*.  
Henry M. Matthews, Virginia, '56, *West Virginia*.  
Albinus Nance, Knox, '68, *Nebraska*.  
George Hoadly, Western Reserve, '44, *Ohio*.  
James A. Beaver, Jefferson, '56, *Pennsylvania*.  
John Y. Brown, Centre, '55, *Kentucky*.  
Benjamin B. Odell, Bethany, '77, *New York*.  
John L. Bates, Boston, '82, *Massachusetts*.  
Edward C. Stokes, Brown, '83, *New Jersey*.  
Henry A. Buchtel, DePauw, '72, *Colorado*.  
John M. Pattison, Ohio Wesleyan, '69, *Ohio*.  
Andrew J. Montague, Richmond, '82, *Virginia*.

*Lieutenant Governors of States.*

Will Cumback, DePauw, '50, *Indiana*.  
Barnett Gibbs, Virginia, '71, *Texas*.  
Edmund G. McGilton, Wisconsin, '83, *Nebraska*.  
John Marshall, Centre, '77, *Kentucky*.  
John L. Bates, Boston, '82, *Massachusetts*.

And it is not out of place in this connection to mention the following, who received the nomination for governor in their respective states, but were defeated by more fortunate competitors, viz.:

John S. Wise, Virginia, '67, *Virginia*.  
George L. Becker, Michigan, '47, *Minnesota*.  
Orlando M. Barnes, Michigan, '50, *Michigan*.  
Henry H. Trimble, Indiana, '47, *Iowa*.  
Washington I. Babb, Iowa Wesleyan, '66, *Iowa*.  
William H. West, Jefferson, '46, *Ohio*.  
John W. Yerkes, Centre, '73, *Kentucky*.  
Charles S. McRae, Harvard, '44, *Alabama*.



Courtlandt C. Matson, DePauw, '62, *Indiana*.

John M. Harlan, Centre, '50, *Kentucky*, (twice, once in 1871 and again in 1875.

All of the Beta governors have been loyal and in some sense active members. Governor Beaver has presided at many of our banquets, has attended several conventions and has assisted in the establishment of at least one chapter. Governor Brown, of Missouri, was president of the convention of 1885, and Governor Elbert, of Colorado, of the Denver alumni chapter. Governor Hoadly's name has been so frequently mentioned in connection with the fraternity's enterprises that it needs no repetition here. Governors Hardin, Crittenden and Francis have presided at many Beta gatherings, and have attended many more. Governor Latham was the toastmaster at the first dinner of the New York alumni in 1880, and Governor Porter has frequently delivered addresses, and has been a prominent actor in other public functions of the fraternity. Governors Odell, Bates and Montague were all present at one New York banquet. Governor Buchtel has been a hard worker within the fraternity and Governor Pattison was an active member of the Cincinnati alumni chapter.

Here might also be mentioned Ichy Zo Hattori, Rutgers, '75, Governor of Hiogo, Japan.

State officials of various degrees of prominence have not been lacking upon our rolls. We note

*Presiding Officers of State Assemblies.*

Henry P. Fowlkes, Cumberland, '68, *Tennessee* Legislature.

Henry S. Cauthorne, DePauw, '48, *Indiana* Legislature.

Rush Clark, Jefferson, '53, *Iowa* Legislature.  
 John C. Entrekin, Ohio Wesleyan, '67, *Ohio* Legislature.  
 Samuel H. Buskirk, Indiana, '70, *Indiana* Legislature.  
 Zwingle W. Ewing, Hampden-Sidney, '69, *Tennessee* Senate.  
 James W. Scovel, Jefferson, '59, *New Jersey* Senate.  
 John Overmeyer, DePauw, '67, *Indiana* Senate.  
 John P. Penny, Jefferson, '43, *Pennsylvania* Senate.  
 Albinus Nance, Knox, '68, *Nebraska* Legislature.  
 Will Cumback, DePauw, '50, *Indiana* Senate.  
 James T. Morehead, North Carolina, '58, *North Carolina*,  
 Senate.  
 Hiram O. Fairchild, Wabash, '66, *Wisconsin* Legislature.  
 James Ferdinand Izlar, Emory, '55, *South Carolina* Senate.  
 George T. Barnes, Georgia, '53, *Georgia* Legislature.  
 William D. Bynum, Indiana, '59, *Indiana* Legislature.  
 William B. Woods, Western Reserve, '45, *Ohio* Legislature.  
 Franklin Fairbanks, Williams, '53, *Vermont* Legislature.  
 Joseph W. Byrnes, Vanderbilt, '91, *Tennessee* Legislature.  
 Thomas H. Clark, Howard, '77, *Alabama* Legislature.  
 Joseph B. Cummings, Georgia, '54, *Georgia* Legislature.  
 William H. Chambers, Emory, '45, *Alabama* Legislature.  
 William F. Stevenson, Davidson, '85, *So. Car.* Legislature.  
 Julius A. Trousdale, Cumberland '70, *Tennessee* Legislature.  
 John L. Bates, Boston, '82, *Massachusetts* Legislature.  
 Ernest Rice, Cumberland, '93, *Tennessee* Senate.  
 Henry S. Boutell, Northwestern, '74, *Illinois* Legislature.

A superficial enumeration of those who have sat in the lower chambers of the State Legislature discloses the somewhat surprising number of 257, while the number of members of State Senates is 132.

We also note a long list of state officials, who have been connected with the executive rather than with the legislative departments of their respective governments.

*Other State Officials.*

Charles W. Burdick, Ohio Wesleyan, '81, Secretary of State, *Wyoming*.

Matthew S. Quay, Jefferson, '50, Secretary of State, *Pennsylvania*.

Samuel H. Elbert, Ohio Wesleyan, '54, Secretary of State, *Colorado*.

James Smith, Jefferson, '57, Secretary of State, *Kansas*.

Samuel Galloway, DePauw, '60, Secretary of State, *Ohio*.

James W. Blackburn, Centre, '54, Secretary of State, *Kentucky*.

Louis P. Harvey, Cincinnati, '40, Secretary of State, *Wisconsin*.

David Q. Eggleston, Hampden-Sidney, '77, Secretary of State, *Virginia*.

Cyrus Thompson, Randolph-Macon, '77, Secretary of State, *North Carolina*.

William T. Haines, Maine, '76, Attorney General, *Maine*.

Joseph E. McDonald, Indiana, '49, Attorney General, *Indiana*.

Henry M. Matthews, Virginia, '54, Attorney General, *West Virginia*.

Norris Brown, Iowa, '83, Attorney General, *Nebraska*.

William H. West, Jefferson, '46, Attorney General, *Ohio*.

George P. Raney, Virginia, '67, Attorney General, *Florida*.

Robert F. Walker, Missouri, '73, Attorney General, *Missouri*.

Milton Remley, Iowa, '67, Attorney General, *Iowa*.

John D. Aitkinson, Indiana, '87, Attorney General, *Washington*.

William J. Hendrick, Centre, '73, Attorney General, *Kentucky*.

James M. Harlan, Centre, '50, Attorney General, *Kentucky*.

Matthew S. Quay, Jefferson, '50, Treasurer, *Pennsylvania*.

Thaddeus B. Lampton, Miss., '89, Treasurer, *Mississippi*.  
James A. Harris, Vanderbilt, '86, Comptroller, *Tennessee*.  
John D. Aitkinson, Indiana, '87, Auditor, *Washington*.  
Harry C. Marshall, O. W. U., '55, Auditor, *Nevada*.  
Charles W. Burdick, O. W. U., '81, Auditor, *Wyoming*.  
John Pierce, Wes. Res., '50, Surveyor General, *Colorado*.  
William J. McCulloh, Jefferson, '43, Surveyor General, *Louisiana*.

Robert G. Harper, Emory, '45, Solicitor General, *Georgia*.  
Isaiah Mansur, Miami, '46, Commissary General, *Indiana*.  
James R. Lyon, Emory, '44, Solicitor General, *Georgia*.  
Lucius Polk Brown, Virginia, '89, Chemist, *Tennessee*.  
Peter T. Austen, Rutgers, '72, Chemist, *New Jersey*.  
Robert B. Riggs, Beloit, '76, Chemist *Connecticut*.  
George H. Perkins, Knox, '67, Entomologist, *Vermont*.  
James M. Safford, Ohio, '44, Entomologist, *Tennessee*.  
Ernest Walker, DePauw, '90, Entomologist, *Arkansas*.  
Henry B. Kummel, Beloit, '89, Geologist, *New Jersey*.  
Richard Owen, DePauw, '56, Geologist, *Indiana*.  
John S. Newberry, Western Reserve, '46, Geologist, *Ohio*.  
Henry T. Fernald, Maine, '85, Zoologist, *Pennsylvania*.  
Gustavus J. Orr, Emory, '44, School Commissioner, *Georgia*.  
Parker Spofford, Dartmouth, '65, Railroad Com., *Maine*.  
James W. McDill, Miami, '53, Railroad Commissioner, *Iowa*.  
Benjamin F. Crary, DePauw, '53, Superintendent of Public Instruction, *Minnesota*.

Lewis W. Baxter, Kansas, '95, Superintendent of Public Instruction, *Oklahoma*.

James Harlan, DePauw, '45, Superintendent of Public Instruction, *Iowa*.

John G. Marvin, Harvard, '44, Superintendent of Public Instruction, *Pennsylvania*.

James F. Read, Centre, '74, Adjutant General, *Arkansas*.

Among those who have sat upon the bench of the

highest courts of the respective states are the following:

*Justices of the Supreme Courts in the Different States:*

(Chief Justices in Italics.)

Thomas J. Devine, Transylvania, '43, *Texas*.  
*Henry Clay Gooding*, DePauw, '59, *Arizona*.  
Wilbur F. Stone, Indiana, '57, *Colorado*.  
*Willis Van Devanter*, DePauw, '81, *Wyoming*.  
Theodore L. Stiles, Ohio, '70, *Washington*.  
Samuel H. Buskirk, Indiana, '45, *Indiana*.  
*James H. Beatty*, Ohio Wesleyan, '58, *Idaho*.  
James P. Sterett, Jefferson, '45, *Pennsylvania*.  
David J. Brewer, Wesleyan, '55, *Kansas*.  
*Alonzo Jay Edgerton*, Wesleyan, '50, *Minnesota*.  
Joseph G. Wilson, Miami, '46, *Oregon*.  
Riley E. Stratton, Miami, '44, *Oregon*.  
*Presley K. Ewing*, Mississippi, '81, *Texas*.  
Alphonso C. Avery, North Carolina, '59, *North Carolina*.  
Charles B. Parkhill, Randolph-Macon, '78, *Florida*.  
*Ulysses Mercur*, Jefferson, '42, *Pennsylvania*.  
Joseph R. Lamar, Jr., Washington & Lee, '78, *Georgia*.  
Miles Tobey Granger, Wesleyan, '42, *Connecticut*.  
William Ware Peck, Harvard, '44, *Wyoming*.  
John Coburn, Wabash, '46, *Montana*.  
Charles M. Vea, Centenary, '50, *Louisiana*.  
William B. Spencer, Centenary, '55, *Louisiana*.  
Thomas P. Clinton, Centenary, '56, *Louisiana*.  
*Samuel H. Elbert*, Ohio Wesleyan, '54, *Colorado*.  
Alonzo P. Carpenter, Williams, '49, *New Hampshire*.  
Andrew Hunter Boyd, Washington & Lee, '68, *Maryland*.  
*Sterling R. Cockrill*, Washington & Lee, '69, *Arkansas*.  
William H. West, Jefferson, '46, *Ohio*.  
Joseph M. Moore, Jefferson, '46, *Louisiana*.  
*George P. Raney*, Virginia, '67, *Florida*.  
William H. Brinker, Missouri, '75, *New Mexico*.

Ebenezer T. Wells, Knox, '55, *Colorado*.  
Dick Haney, Iowa Wesleyan, '74, *South Dakota*.  
Emlin McClain, Iowa, '71, *Iowa*.  
*Shepard Barclay*, Virginia, '69, *Missouri*.  
*James B. Gantt*, Virginia, '67, *Missouri*.  
Robert Jarrell Morgan, Georgia, '48, *Tennessee*.  
Edward A. Jaggard, Dickinson, '79, *Minnesota*.  
Walter C. Caldwell, Cumberland, '71, *Tennessee*.  
Sterling R. Cockrill, Cumberland, '70, *Tennessee*.  
*Horace H. Lurton*, Cumberland, '67, *Tennessee*.  
Townsend Scudder, Columbia, '88, *New York*.  
Charles C. Van Kirk, Colgate, '84, *New York*.  
John T. Blodgett, Brown, '80, *Rhode Island*.

There is a time in the history of every state at which it strives to put forward its best men and that is when its citizens are assembled in constitutional convention to revise its organic law. We present the following partial list of Betas who have been members of different constitutional conventions. We say "partial" list because we know it to be incomplete, but we present it as a list of men in whom their fellow citizens reposed a supreme trust.

*Members of State Constitutional Conventions:*

George E. Seay, Cumberland, '60, *Tennessee*.  
William H. West, Jefferson, '46, *Ohio*.  
George F. Young, Johns Hopkins, '86, *So. Dakota*.  
Joseph M. Moore, Jefferson, '46, *Louisiana*.  
William F. Green, Jefferson, '50, *North Carolina*.  
Timothy Rives, Randolph-Macon, '79, *Virginia*.  
John G. Pollard, Randolph-Macon, '91, *Virginia*.  
William F. Glover, South Carolina, '60, *Alabama*.

John C. Bullitt,<sup>1</sup> Transylvania, '48, *Pennsylvania*.  
Powell Harrison, Virginia, '57, *Virginia*.  
Thomas R. Mills, Virginia, '67, *Georgia*.  
Alphonso C. Avery, North Carolina, '57, *North Carolina*.  
William P. McLean, North Carolina, '58, *Tennessee*.  
James T. Moorehead, North Carolina, '61, *North Carolina*.  
John W. McCormick, Ohio, '55, *Ohio*.  
Thos. L. Stiles, Ohio, '70, *Washington*.  
James H. Beatty, Ohio Wesleyan, '58, *Idaho*.  
Charles W. Burdick, Ohio Wesleyan, '81, *Wyoming*.  
Ebenezer T. Wells, Knox, '55, *Colorado*.  
William C. Goodhue, Knox, '56, *Illinois*.  
Miles W. Lewis, Emory, '42, *Georgia*.  
Peleg Emory Aldrich, Harvard, '44, *Massachusetts*.  
Frederick G. Young, Johns Hopkins, '86, *South Dakota*.  
Thomas Harbine, Miami, '45, *Missouri*.  
John W. Herron, Miami, '45, *Ohio*.  
George L. Becker, Michigan, '46, *Minnesota*.  
George W. Wall, Michigan, '58, *Illinois*.  
William F. McDonald, Mississippi, '82, *Mississippi*.  
Henry S. Hooker, Mississippi, '70, *Mississippi*.  
Robert G. Hudson, Mississippi, '72, *Mississippi*.  
James S. Brown, Centre, '52, *Tennessee*.  
William J. Hendrick, Centre, '73, *Kentucky*.  
Louis P. Harvey, Cincinnati, '40, *Wisconsin*.  
Robert P. Jacobs, Centre, '59, *Kentucky*.  
James W. Blackburn, Centre, '54, *Kentucky*.  
Richard McIlwaine, Hampden-Sidney, '53, *Virginia*.  
Alfred P. Thom, Richmond, '72, *Virginia*.  
Eugene P. Withers, North Carolina, '90, *Virginia*.  
Walter A. Watson, Hampden-Sidney, '87, *Virginia*.  
David Q. Eggleston, Hampden-Sidney, '77, *Virginia*.  
Joseph D. Eggleston, Hampden-Sidney, '86, *Virginia*.

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<sup>1</sup> Author of the famous "Bullitt Bill," under which Philadelphia is governed.

There is another state office which implies the most eminent respectability and the confidence of one's neighbors and an interest in government sufficient to distinguish a person from the vast majority. It is that of presidential elector and we, therefore, present the names of some of the Betas who have held this office.

*Presidential Electors:*

William J. Hendrick, Centre, '73; Henry S. Cauthorne, DePauw, '48; John W. Ray, DePauw, '48; Jonas G. Howard, DePauw, '51; Aden G. Cavins, DePauw, '49; John Hanna, DePauw, '50; David O. Dailey, DePauw, '53; Alfred F. White, DePauw, '67; Stanley Matthews, Cincinnati, '40; Joshua H. Bates, Cincinnati, '40; Milton Remley, Iowa, '67; Martin N. Johnson, Iowa, '73; William D. Bynum, Indiana, '69; Robert S. Ryors, Indiana, '65; Alfred T. Pope, Indiana, '62; Thomas J. McElrath, Hanover, '58; John Reily Knox, Miami, '39; Isaac H. Elliott, Michigan, '61; Junius E. Beal, Michigan, '82; Oscar F. Price, Michigan, '58; Ezekiel D. Candler, Mississippi, '81; Robert Powell, Mississippi, '70; Alphonso C. Avery, North Carolina, '57; Eugene P. Withers, North Carolina, '88; John G. Pollard, Richmond, '91; William Elliott, Virginia, '58; David S. Pierce, Virginia, '67; Willoughby N. Smith, Virginia, '72; William F. Green, Jefferson, '50; Elihu Spencer, Wesleyan, '39; Alonzo Jay Edgerton, Wesleyan, '50; Andrew B. Martin, Cumberland, '58; William D. Frazee, Cumberland, '71; John R. Goodwin, DePauw, '48; Robert P. McColloch. Wittenberg, '80; Milton M. Scott, Westminster, '74; Robert J. Morgan, Georgia, '48; Wilbur F. Stone, Indiana, '57; Marcus L. McPherson, DePauw, '48; Frank O. Lowden, Iowa, '85.

As might be expected, a considerable proportion of the membership of the fraternity are professors and teachers, and many college presidents have worn our



badge, chiefly the heads of institutions located in the central western states, in which the fraternity early acquired prominence.

In the first part of the following list we have mentioned only colleges in which the fraternity (or the Mystical Seven) has been represented by Chapters.

*College Presidents of Beta Colleges.*

John Bascom, Williams, '49, University of Wisconsin.

Henry A. Buchtel, DePauw, '72, University of Denver.

Thomas M. Gatch, Ohio Wesleyan, '55, Washington State University.

Jerome H. Raymond, Northwestern, '92, University of West Virginia.

William T. Reid, Illinois, '67, University of California.

Charles S. Venable,<sup>1</sup> Hampden-Sidney, '54, University of Virginia.

Michael M. Fisher, Hanover, '55, University of Missouri.

Charles N. Sims, DePauw, '70, Syracuse University.

David H. Moore, Ohio, '60, University of Denver.

Samuel S. Laws, Miami, '48, University of Missouri.

William H. Scott, Ohio, '62, Ohio State University.

Lorenzo D. McCabe,<sup>2</sup> Ohio, '43, Ohio Wesleyan University.

James Harlan, DePauw, '45, Iowa Wesleyan University.

Andrew D. Hepburn, Jefferson, '51, Miami University.

Andrew D. Hepburn, Jefferson, '51, Davidson College.

James A. Beaver, Jefferson, '56, Pennsylvania State College.

David S. Tappan, Miami, '64, Miami University.

George D. Archibald, Jefferson, '47, Hanover College.

Isaac Crook, Ohio Wesleyan, '59, Ohio University.

William H. Hickman, DePauw, '73, DePauw University.

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<sup>1</sup> Technically called "chairman of the faculty."

<sup>2</sup> Technically called "acting president."

James A. P. McGaw, Miami, '56, Monmouth College.

Luther M. Smith, Emory, '48, Emory College.

Charles L. Stafford, Iowa Wesleyan, '71, Iowa Wesleyan University.

Charles W. Carter, Centenary, '55, Centenary College.

William H. Scott, Ohio, '62, Ohio University.

Samuel S. Laws, Miami, '48, Westminster College.

David A. Wallace, Miami, '46, Monmouth College.

Osborne L. Smith, Emory, '43, Emory College.

Hilary A. Gobin, DePauw, '70, DePauw University.

Clifford W. Barnes, California, '89, Illinois College.

Winfred E. Garrison, Bethany, '93, Butler College.

William Clark Young, Centre, '59, Centre College.

Richard McIlwaine, Hampden-Sidney, '54, Hampden-Sidney College.

Edward A. Tanner, Illinois, '57, Illinois College.

Charles H. Fowler, Syracuse, '59, Northwestern University.

Charles G. Heckert, Wittenberg, '86, Wittenberg College.

William L. C. Hunnicutt, Emory, '54, Centenary College.

William F. Warren, Wesleyan, '53, Boston University.

We shall now mention some of

*The Presidents of Other Colleges.*

Frederick M. Tisdell, Northwestern, '91, University of Wyoming.

Frank Y. Adams, St. Lawrence, '88, University of Arizona.

James K. Patterson, Hanover, '55, Kentucky State College.

Robert D. Jackson, California, '82, University of Nevada.

David Ross Boyd, Wooster, '78, University of Oklahoma.

Augustine C. Hirst, Hanover, '61, University of the Pacific.

Isaac Crook, Ohio Wesleyan, '59, University of the Pacific.

Joseph P. Blanton, Hampden-Sidney, '69, Univ. of Idaho.

Charles O. Mercia, DePauw, '91, South Dakota University.

Samuel S. Weatherby, Ohio Wesleyan, '66, Baker University.

George Loomis, Wesleyan, '42, Allegheny College.

Thomas M. Gatch, Ohio Wesleyan, '55, Oregon Agricultural College.

Alexander Q. Holladay, Virginia, '59, North Carolina Agricultural College.

Alexander Q. Holladay, Virginia, '59, Florida State College.

Angelo C. Scott, Kansas, '77, Oklahoma State College.

Elijah E. Edwards, DePauw, '53, Colorado State College.

Thomas H. Sinex, DePauw, '42, Albion College.

Charles F. Creighton, Ohio, '70, Nebraska Wesleyan University.

LeRoy A. Belt, Ohio Wesleyan, '61, Ohio Northern University.

Charles E. Shelton, Iowa Wes., '79, Simpson College.

Burris A. Jenkins, Bethany, '91, Kentucky University.

Caleb F. Gates, Beloit, '77, Robert College, (Constantinople.)

Arthur F. Griffith, St. Lawrence, '97, Oahu College, (Honolulu.)

Joseph H. Calvin, Jefferson, '49, Oakland College.

Isaac J. Long, Centre, '58, Arkansas College.

Samuel M. Lockett, Centre, '59, Austin College.

John J. Halsey, Chicago, '70, Lake Forest College.

Edward O. Sisson, Chicago, '93, Bradley Polytechnic.

Frank W. Gunsaulus, Ohio Wesleyan, '75, Armour Institute.

Thomas C. Mendenhall, Western Reserve, '69, Worcester Polytechnic.

Thomas C. Mendenhall, Western Reserve, '69, Rose Polytechnic.

Henry B. Boude, Centre, '57, Austin College.

and dozens of institutions, some of which are denominated colleges, but which are in general regarded as maintaining a position not entitling them to collegiate rank.

It is quite impossible to mention the college profes-

sors and others eminent in educational matters except in the most cursory way. Any complete list is entirely beyond the capacity of this work; every well informed Beta can mention many more than we have room to name. The following are those whose position is such that we cannot omit them, viz: John Bascom, Williams, '49, professor of philosophy at Williams; Charles W. Shields, Princeton, '44, many years at Princeton, and whose exit from the Presbyterian church was so much discussed a few years since; Robert V. Foster, Cumberland, '76, professor of theology at Cumberland University; Heman H. Allen, Centre, '55, President of the Danville Theological Seminary; Henry St. George-Tucker, Washington & Lee, Dean of the Law School of George Washington University, William E. Scheuerman, Missouri, '88, Dean of the Engineering Department at Vanderbilt; Oren E. Locke, Syracuse, '72, director of the Conservatory of Music at Northwestern; the late John S. Newberry, Western Reserve, '45, professor of Geology at Columbia; William M. Marshall, Boston, '87, Dean of the Classical Department at Boston University; Herbert W. Conn, Boston, '81, professor of Biology at Wesleyan; Rollin D. Salisbury, Beloit, '81, professor of Geography and Dean of the Ogden School of Science at Chicago; Watson L. Savage, Amherst, '82, President of The New York Normal School of Physical Education; Erasmus Haworth, Kansas, '81, Dean of the Mining Department at Kansas; Samuel McC. Lindsay, Pennsylvania, '99, professor of Sociology at Columbia,

and formerly Commissioner of Education of Porto Rico; Wallace C. Sabine, Ohio State, '88, Dean of the Lawrence Scientific School at Harvard; Andrew F. West, Centre, '73, Dean of the Classical Department at Princeton, and who recently declined the presidency of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Charles M. Bakewell, California, professor of Philosophy at Yale.

John W. Burgess, Cumberland, '62, Dean of the School of Political Science at Columbia, and at present Roosevelt professor at the University of Berlin; Charles F. Beach, Jr., Centre, '79, professor of American Law at the University of Paris; Emlin McClain, Iowa, '71, until recently chancellor of the law department of the University of Iowa; Walter L. Hervey, Denison, '84, founder and first president of the Teachers' College in New York; Summerfield S. Still, Kansas, '81, founder of Osteopathy and president of Still College; Edward E. Barnard, Vanderbilt, '86, the well known astronomer and director of the Yerkes observatory; the late Thomas R. Price, Virginia, '59, for many years head of the department of English at Columbia; Rev. Wilbur P. Thirkield, Ohio Wesleyan, '76, president of Gammon Theological School and of Howard University, Hilary A. Gobin, DePauw, '70, dean of the Theological School at DePauw, Dr. Isaac N. Himes, Jefferson, '53, dean of the medical department at Western Reserve; Francis W. Shepardson, professor of history and dean of the Senior colleges at Chicago.

Also the following professors who have not occupied

other official positions: Winder E. Goldsborough, Cornell, '91, electrical engineering at Purdue; Walter Blair, Hampden-Sidney, '55, Latin at Hampden-Sidney; Volney G. Barbour, Michigan, '62, civil engineering at Vermont; De Volson Wood, Michigan, '59, mathematics and mechanical engineering at Stevens; Daniel Kirkwood, Indiana, '49, mathematics and astronomy at Indiana; Alonzo Linn, Jefferson, '49, Greek, at Washington & Jefferson; James M. Safford, Ohio, '44, geology at Vanderbilt; Charles S. Venable, Hampden-Sidney, '54, mathematics at Virginia; James T. Hatfield, Northwestern, '83, German at Northwestern; Charles N. Zueblin, Northwestern, '87, sociology at Chicago; the late John C. Zachos, Cincinnati, '40, the originator of the Cooper Institute at New York; Frederick S. Lee, St. Lawrence, '78, physiology at Columbia; Gustavus J. Orr, Emory, '44, mathematics at Emory and who remodeled the educational system of Georgia; Richard A. F. Penrose, Harvard, '84, economic geology at Chicago; Eugene Wambaugh, Ohio Wesleyan, '75, law at Harvard; John L. Van Ornum, Washington, '88, civil engineering at Washington; Edgar O. Lovett, Bethany, '90, astronomy at Princeton; Charles R. Henderson, Chicago, '70, sociology at Chicago and author of the well known work on "charity"; William Cathcart Day, Johns Hopkins, '80, chemistry at Swarthmore; Stanley Coulter, Hanover, '71, biology at Purdue; Robert B. Riggs, Beloit, '76, chemistry at Trinity; Herbert C. Tolman, Yale, '88, Greek at Vanderbilt; Charles Bundy Wilson, Cornell, '84, Ger-

man at Iowa; Robert W. Wood, Johns Hopkins, physics at Johns Hopkins; George F. Young, Johns Hopkins, '86, economics at Oregon, and Henry W. Harper, Texas, '95, chemistry at Texas.

In the churches, the fraternity seems to be strongest in the Methodist church. In the Northern branch we have on our rolls Bishop Luther B. Wilson, Dickinson, '75; Bishop Charles H. Fowler, Syracuse, '59, (who was editor of the *Christian Advocate*); Bishop David H. Moore, Ohio, '60; Bishop Earl Cranston, Ohio, '61; and Bishop Henry W. Warren, Wesleyan, '53; Bradford K. Pierce, Wesleyan, '41, late editor of *Zion's Herald* and George E. Whitaker, Boston, '85, its present publisher. Wilbur F. Thirkield, Ohio Wesleyan, '76, former secretary of the Epworth League and president of Gammon Theological Seminary; John H. Acton, Ohio Wesleyan, '79, editor of the *Pacific Christian Advocate*; the late Arthur Edwards, Ohio Wesleyan, '58, editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*; the late James W. Mendenhall, Ohio Wesleyan, '64, editor of the *Methodist Review*; Henry A. Buchtel DePauw, '72, chancellor of the University of Denver, and now Governor of Colorado; Orville J. Nave, Ohio Wesleyan, '70, known as "Chaplain" Nave and J. Hogarth Lozier, DePauw, '57, known as "Chaplain" Lozier; Ferdinand C. Iglehart, De Pauw, '67; Oliver A. Brown, Ohio Wesleyan, '66; Leroy A. Belt, Ohio Wesleyan, '61; Newton W. Darlington, Wabash, '52; Thomas C. Iliff, Ohio, '70; Isaac Crook, Ohio Wesleyan, '59; Charles O. Stafford, Iowa Wesleyan, '71; DeLoss M. Tompkins, Northwestern,

'77, and many others who have held positions of honor. Bishops William X. Ninde, Wesleyan, '47, and Edward G. Andrews, Wesleyan, '47, were members of the Mystical Seven. In the Southern Church there are Bishop Elijah E. Hoss, Ohio Wesleyan, '69, for many years also editor of the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, and Wayman H. Potter, Emory, '49, and Wilbur F. Glenn, Emory, '60, editors of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

In the Presbyterian church, may be mentioned, William C. Young, Centre, '59, moderator of the general assembly of 1892; Frederick T. Brown, Princeton, '45, editor of the *Illustrated Christian Weekly*, Henry Clay Evans, Westminster, '81, editor of the *St. Louis Presbyterian*, Heman H. Allen, Centre, '55, editor of the *Western Presbyterian*, Francis C. Monfort, Hanover, '64; Elias C. Monfort, Hanover, '65, and Edward P. Whallon, Hanover, '68, editors of the *Herald and Presbyter*; John Gillespie, Jefferson, '62, late Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, John C. McClintock, Washington & Jefferson, '62, of Iowa; the late George W. F. Birch, Washington (Pa.), '58; James S. Ramsay, Washington (Pa.), '61; Meade C. Williams, Miami, '61, of St. Louis; the late Nathaniel West, Michigan, '46, at one time editor of the *Princeton Review*; Samuel Hall Young, Wooster, '75, superintendent of Missions in Alaska, and David C. Marquis, Washington & Jefferson, '57, professor in the McCormick Seminary and Moderator of the General Assembly of 1886.



In the Southern Branch of the church there are Henry Martyn Smith, Washington & Jefferson, '51, Moderator of the Assemblies of 1873 and 1874 and for many years editor of the *South Western Presbyterian*, Robert Q. Mallard, Georgia, '53, also editor of the same journal, Abner Crump Hopkins, Hampden-Sidney, '55, Moderator of the assembly of 1903, Joseph R. Wilson, Jefferson, '44, Moderator of the assemblies of 1879 and 1880; John Newton Craig, secretary of the Board of Home Missions; Samuel M. Lockett, Centre, '59, of Texas; Charles M. Payne, Davidson, '63, of North Carolina; Richard K. Smoot, Hanover, '56, of Texas; Thomas L. Preston, Virginia, '55, of Virginia; Isaac J. Long, Centre, '58, of Arkansas; Thomas W. Hooper, Hampden-Sidney, '55, of Virginia, and Alexander W. Pitzer, Hampden-Sidney, '54, of Washington.

In the Cumberland Branch of the church, Ira Landrith, Cumberland, '88, editor of the *Cumberland Presbyterian*; Samuel M. Templeton, Trinity, '83, Moderator of the assembly of 1902, and Prof. Robert V. Foster, Cumberland, '70, of Tennessee, may be referred to, and in the United Presbyterian church David R. Miller, Monmouth, '74, editor of the *United Presbyterian*, and the late David A. Wallace, the theologian.

In the Protestant Episcopal church there are Davis Sessums, Virginia, '79, Bishop of Louisiana, Charles D. Williams, Kenyon, '80, Bishop of Michigan, George H. Kinsolving, Virginia, '70, Bishop of Texas, and the late Henry M. Jackson, V. M. I., '71, Bishop of Alabama,

also Charles W. Leffingwell, founder and for many years editor of the *Living Church*, and many well known clergy.

In the Congregational Church are Theodore T. Munger, Western Reserve, '51, author of "The Freedom of Faith," and Artemas J. Haynes, Denver, '95, his successor, as pastor of the United Congregational church at New Haven; James A. Adams, editor of the *Congregational Herald*, and Frank W. Gunsaulus, Ohio Wesleyan, '75, of the Plymouth church, Chicago.

In addition, we may mention George Scholl, Wittenberg, '68, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Lutheran church; David H. Bauslin, Wittenberg, '76, and Ezra K. Bell, Wittenberg, '77, editors of the *Lutheran World*; Frederick L. Sigmund, Wittenberg, '86, president of Carthage College, and John H. Prugh, Wittenberg, '77, president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States; Benjamin L. Smith, Bethany, '78, Secretary of Home Missionary Work, in the Christian (Campbellite) church; William Robinson Warren, Bethany, '89, editor of the *Christian Worker*, and William J. Wright, Bethany, '81, National Superintendent of Evangelism in Christian churches. In the Baptist church we have George W. Lasher, editor of the *Journal and Messenger*. William A. Stanton, Hanover, '75, editor of *The Kingdom*, and Joseph K. Wilson, Brown, '73, editor of *Zion's Advocate*.

Among physicians we may mention George Ben Johnson, Virginia, '72, of Richmond; the late William R. Pryor, Washington & Lee, '76, of New York, a famous

gynaecologist; Elkanah Williams, DePauw, '47, the oculist; Thaddeus A. Reamy, Ohio Wesleyan, '70, of Cincinnati; Theophilus Parvin, Indiana, '47, of Indianapolis; James T. Whitaker, Miami, '63, well known as a physican and author; Hobart A. Hare, Pennsylvania, '84, editor of the *Medical News*, Alexander W. Ewing, Michigan, '64, of New York City; Francis C. Wilson, Washington & Lee, '60, of Louisville, and Samuel D. Risley, Iowa, '75, of Philadelphia; John N. Mackenzie, Virginia, '76, the eminent laryngologist; Ernest J. Lederle, Columbia, '86, late Commissioner of Health at New York City; Seth Scott Bishop, Beloit, '77, a laryngologist of eminence; John Chalmers DaCosta, Pennsylvania, '82, the celebrated surgeon of Philadelphia; Arthur R. Edwards, Northwestern, '88, of Chicago, and Charles H. Leonard, Syracuse, '72, of Detroit.

William D. Williams, George, '48, superintendent of the Georgia Blind Asylum; William K. Argo, Centre, '79, superintendent of the Kentucky and Colorado schools for the deaf and blind; William H. DeMotte, DePauw, '49, superintendent of the Wisconsin and Kansas schools for the deaf; Joseph C. Gordon, Monmouth, '66, a high authority on the deaf and dumb; John R. Dobyns, Westminster, '74, superintendent of the Mississippi deaf and dumb asylum, and Philip G. Gillette, DePauw, '52, superintendent of the Illinois Institute for the deaf; Louis G. Perkins, Centenary, '50, superintendent of the Louisiana Insane Asylum; George F. Keene, Brown, '75, superintendent of the Rhode Island Insane Asylum and Clar-

ence M. Parks, Indiana, '85, superintendent of the Washington State Insane Asylum.

In the law the fraternity has long held a commanding position. We have mentioned many of our prominent lawyers in the lists of officials, judges and professors. A selection of other names is difficult because any principle of exclusion will cause the omission of some names which competent judges would include.

We may refer to Henry Beard, Cincinnati, '40, the patent lawyer, and Richard T. Merrick, Jefferson, '43, both of Washington, D. C. and whose practice was chiefly before the Supreme Court of the United States; Rush Taggart, Wooster, '71, of New York City, counsel for the Western Union; Benjamin Sheeks, Indiana, '65, of Salt Lake City; Winfield R. Smith, Wisconsin, '89, of Seattle; John S. Miller, St. Lawrence, '69, corporation counsel of Chicago; James A. Burhans, DePauw, '75, of Chicago; the late Abram W. Hendricks, Jefferson, '43, of Indianapolis; Henry Judson Booth, Denison, '73, of Columbus, Ohio; William C. Sprague, Denison, '81, president of the Sprague Correspondence School of Law, Furman Sheppard, Princeton, '45, formerly city solicitor of Philadelphia; Andrew Allison, Cumberland, '60, and Gen. Gates P. Thurston, Miami, '55, of Nashville; the late Peleg Emory Aldrich, Harvard, '44, of Worcester, Mass.; Booth M. Malone, Beloit, '77, of Denver; Henry J. Hersey, Boston, '84, of Denver; Ledyard P. Hale, St. Lawrence, '76, of Canton, N. Y.; Hon. John W. Herron, Miami, '45, of Cincinnati;

David S. Garland, Randolph-Macon, '85, editor of the American English Encyclopedia of Law; Charles S. Wheeler, California, '84, of San Francisco; Christopher C. Wright, Iowa Wesleyan, '72, of Los Angeles, author of the irrigation law of California; John L. Boone, Ohio Wesleyan, '63, the patent lawyer of San Francisco; Amasa C. Paul, Dartmouth, '78, the patent lawyer of Minneapolis, and Albert H. Washburn, Cornell, '89, specialist in tariff litigation of New York City.

Among the lawyers who have made a specialty of practice relating to railroads and similar corporations, we may mention Addison G. Smith, Cumberland, '73, general counsel for the Birmingham Southern R. R.; Alonzo W. Church, George, '47, counsel for the Chicago & Alton R. R. for many years; James M. Walker, Michigan, '46, general counsel for the Michigan Central and president of the Stock Yards corporation at Chicago; the late John S. Newberry, Michigan, '46, a distinguished admiralty lawyer of Detroit and president of several navigation companies operating on the great lakes; Andrew J. Poppleton, Michigan, '51, general attorney for the Union Pacific; Alfred P. Thom, Virginia, '76, general counsel for the Southern Railway; Cyrus D. Roys, Michigan, '61, attorney for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern and the Wisconsin Central; Gaylord B. Clark, Washington & Lee, '68, general counsel for the Mobile & Ohio; William B. Keep, Beloit, '73, general attorney for the Southern Pacific; Wilbur F. Stone, Indiana, '57, attorney for the Denver & Rio Grande; Howard Morris,

Wisconsin, '77, general counsel for the Wisconsin Central; Benjamin S. Grosscup, Wittenberg, '79, counsel for the Northern Pacific on the western coast; Alfred H. McVey, Ohio Wesleyan, '68, general counsel for the Toledo, Chicago & St. Louis; Henry H. Trimble, DePauw, '47, general attorney for the Burlington Route; Joseph B. Cummings, Georgia, '54, general counsel for the Georgia Pacific; Blewett H. Lee, Virginia, '85, general attorney for the Illinois Central; Henry S. Priest, Westminster, '72, general attorney for the Missouri Pacific; William T. Rankin, Monmouth, '74, general attorney for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Robert J. Morgan, Georgia, '48, counsel for the St. Louis & Iron Mountain; David G. Hamilton, DePauw, '65, president of the Texas & Mexican Central, the National Railway of Illinois and of the Chicago City Railway Company, and the late Samuel E. Williamson, Western Reserve, '64, general counsel for the Nickel Plate, the New York Central and the West Shore.

Of persons connected with railroading we may mention, William Hood, Dartmouth, '67, chief engineer of the Southern Pacific; Andrew D. Schindler, California, '83, general manager of the Pacific Electric and Los Angeles Interurban Railway Company; John D. K. Smith, Bethany, '62, president of the Iowa Railway Construction Company; James M. Reynolds, DePauw, '46, for many years vice-president and general manager of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago; John L. Frazier, Washington & Lee, '58, Division Superintendent of the

Southern Pacific; John A. Grant, Washington & Lee, '66, president of the Memphis & Charleston; George B. Wright, Ohio, '41, vice-president of the old Atlantic & Great Western and receiver and president of the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western; Wallace J. Wilcox, Cornell, '78, master mechanic of the Mexican Central; Wilson D. Kinnear, Kansas, '84, chief engineer of the Michigan Central; Benjamin A. Kimball, president of the Concord & Montreal; Halleck W. Seaman, Iowa, '82, president of the Illinois, Iowa & Minnesota; Edmund H. Williams, Michigan, '47, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania and vice-president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works; Charles Parrott, Ohio Wesleyan, '56, vice-president of the Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking Valley; James M. Walker, Michigan, '46, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and William W. Baldwin, Iowa, '66, assistant to the president of the same railroad and president of some of its subsidiary corporations; George G. Hull, Georgia, '47, the constructor of the Atlantic & Great Western; James P. Gould, Dartmouth, '62, chief engineer of the Ulster & Delaware; James F. Read, Centre, '74, president of the Arkansas Western; J. Vernet Cilley, Maine, '83, inspector general of Railways for the Argentine Republic, and Eugene A. Sommers, Union, '96, engineer of the Guayaquil & Quito Railway.

Among engineers are, Lee Hayes, Missouri, '79, chief engineer of the Boston, Montana & Butte Mining Com-

pany; Eugene J. Buffington, Vanderbilt, '85, president, and William H. Pratt, Dartmouth, '74, general superintendent of the Illinois Steel Company; Amory P. Folwell, Brown, '85, professor of municipal engineering at Lafayette College; Robert A. Kinzie, California, '97, superintendent of the Treadwell mine in Alaska; Humphrey R. Smith, Stevens, '88, chief engineer of the Otis Elevator Company; Alexander K. Hamilton, Stevens, '95, chief engineer of the Lackawanna Steel Company; Henry S. Loud, Stevens, '90, general manager of the British Westinghouse Company; Frederick W. Cooke, Stevens, '82, superintendent of the Locomotive Works at Paterson, N. J.; Charles Volney Kerr, Stevens, '88, of Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., of New York City, and George H. Pegram, Washington, '77, chief engineer of the elevated railroads in New York City and designer of the elevated railroads in Kansas City and of the Great Union Station in St. Louis.

In the Military and Naval service we find a smaller representation than in other professions, college men being men of peace. We had a few soldiers in the war with Mexico. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, the active young men North and South flocked to the armies and the fraternity was represented in the Southern army by almost all of its members and in the Northern army by a good majority. It is an inspiration to look at the old rolls of the Centre, Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, Ohio, DePauw and Michigan chapters for in-



stance, and see the annotations of patriotic service after practically every name.

In the Federal army during the war the following were Brigadier generals: Joshua T. Owen, Washington & Jefferson, '45; Robert W. Smith, Williams, '50; Halbert E. Paine, Western Reserve, '45; Joshua H. Bates, Cincinnati, '42; Thomas Greene Mitchell, Cincinnati, '40; Stanley Matthews, Cincinnati, '40; B. Gratz Brown, Transylvania, '46; Charles C. Gilbert, Ohio, '43, and Frank Askew, Michigan, '58. In addition there were 39 colonels, 27 lieutenant colonels, 19 majors, 72 captains, 31 first lieutenants, 13 second lieutenants, 33 non-commissioned officers, 19 chaplains and 85 privates.

In the Confederate army, there were two major generals, John B. Gordon, Georgia, '52, and Butler P. Anderson, Washington & Jefferson, '49, and three brigadier generals, Edward L. Tracy, Georgia, '51, Edward L. Thomas, Emory, '46, and Humphrey Marshall, Transylvania, '45. There were also 18 colonels, 14 lieutenant-colonels, 22 majors, 75 captains, 37 first lieutenants, 18 second lieutenants, 22 non-commissioned officers, 13 chaplains and 113 privates. Among the confederates were William Gay Strange, Virginia, '55, professor in the little known Confederate States Naval Academy; William Allan, Virginia, '60, the military authority and writer, and Robert A. Hardaway, Emory, '47, who commanded "Hardaway's Battalion."

In the Northern Navy there were 2 commanders, 4 lieutenant commanders and a number of officers of a

lower grade. In the Southern Navy there was 1 lieutenant. In the Northern Army 11 are reported killed in battle and in the Southern Army 52.

There are few Betas now in the service. We might mention Franklin Hanford, Naval Academy, '66, a rear admiral, and John J. Hunker, his classmate, a captain in the navy. Major William J. Twining, Wabash, '54, was long a professor at West Point.

At present John F. Pratt, Dartmouth, '71, is commander of the steamer, "Patterson," and Philip A. Walker, Cornell, '78, is commander of the "Bache," both in the coast survey service. John R. Eastman, Dartmouth, '62, is astronomer of the U. S. Naval Observatory.

Concerning the War with Spain the records are meagre. In the Navy we were represented by 1 rear admiral, 3 lieutenants, 2 ensigns, and 1 captain of a transport. In the Army we had 3 colonels, 3 lieutenant colonels, 5 majors, 4 captains, 4 lieutenants and several surgeons. No privates have been reported.

Among men prominent in business affairs we might mention the late Milton D. Latham, Washington & Jefferson, '45, who was president of the London and San Francisco Bank for thirteen years; Samuel K. Martin, Beloit, '62, president of the Martin Lumber Company; Edwin Leonard, Jr., Amherst, '84, president of Reed & Carnick; John M. Pattison, Ohio Wesleyan, '69, president of the Union Central Life Insurance Company; Bascom H. Robinson, Hanover, '76, president of the Bankers Reserve Life Insurance Company; Reuben W.

Millsaps, DePauw, '54, of Mississippi, who founded Millsaps College; Philip Haxall, Virginia, 60, the flour miller of Richmond, and Archer Anderson, Virginia, '59, of the Tredgar Iron Works at the same place; Almerin R. Sprague, Beloit, '76, president of the California Fruit Exchange; John H. Patterson, Miami, '67, president of the National Cash Register Company; Edw. Ray Speare, Boston, '94, general manager of Alden Spear's Sons Co., of Boston; Alfred R. L. Dohme, Johns Hopkins, '86, the manufacturing chemist of Baltimore; Grove D. Curtis, Kenyon, '79, the coal merchant of New York city; Philip N. Moore, Miami, '70, of St. Louis, president of many mining corporations, and Calvin Wells, Washington & Jefferson, '55, of Pittsburg, proprietor of the *Philadelphia Press*.

The fraternity has few men upon its rolls engaged solely in literary pursuits. We have mentioned in other connections many men who have attracted attention by their writings. Professor John Bascom and Charles W. Shields have written abundantly in the field of philosophy; Beach has been a voluminous writer in law, and Hare and Leonard in medicine. We shall mention then a few only of our authors having referred to them mainly elsewhere.

John S. Wise, Virginia, '67, in the "End of an Era," has written a book which by many is considered to be the best picture of the civil war; John B. Gordon, Georgia, '52, in his "Recollections" describes other phases of the war. William Sloane Kennedy, Miami, '74, is the

author of an acceptable life of Longfellow and has been a prolific magazine contributor. Sam Walter Foss, Brown, '82, has a national reputation as a humorous poet; Melville D. Landon, Colgate, '61, better known as "Eli Perkins," is the author of a number of books on Wit and Humor; Wilson Wilberforce Blake, Monmouth, '72, has written the standard work on Mexico; Charles Henry Smith, Georgia, '48, under the name of "Bill Arp," is the author of several entertaining and descriptive books on life in the southern states; Joseph A. Altsheler, Vanderbilt, '85, is the author of a series of American historical novels of which possibly the best known is "The Sun of Saratoga." Charles F. Embree, Wabash, '96, another novelist, wrote "For the Love of Tonita" and one or two other novels. Charles A. Keeler, California, '93, has published many books of poems. Samuel Merwin, Northwestern, '00, is the author of a number of novels including "Calumet K," and "The Road to Frontenac;" Franklin G. Carpenter, Wooster, '77, well known as a journalist, is the author of many entertaining books of travel and a series of geographical readers; Arthur H. Quinn, Pennsylvania, '94, is the author of "Pennsylvania Stories"; W. A. P. Martin, Indiana, '46, has written the standard work on "China" and translated many important books into Chinese; Theodore T. Munger, Western Reserve, '51, is the author of "The Freedom of Faith," "On the Threshold," "Lamps and Paths" and other religious books.

Among newspaper writers mention may be made of a few

who are conceded to have more than a local reputation, viz : John S. McLain, Wabash, '75, editor of the *Minneapolis Journal*; Robert P. Nevins, Washington & Jefferson, '42, of the *Pittsburg Times*; Albert E. Hoyt, Cornell, '88, editor of the *Albany Argus*; George Shipley, Randolph-Macon, '87, editor of the *Baltimore American*; Boyle G. Boyle, Central, '84, editor of the *Louisville Evening Post*; Joseph B. Battelle, Ohio Wesleyan, '68, and Charles Locke Curtis, Cornell, '83, editors of the *Toledo Blade*; George A. Shives, Wooster, '87, formerly editor of the *St. Louis Chronicle*; James E. Tower, Amherst, '85, editor of *Good Housekeeping*; Joshua T. Owen, Jefferson, '45, who founded the daily law journals of Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York; Oliver B. Munroe, Brown, '88, editor of the *American Wool & Cotton Reporter*; Edw. B. Hook, Bethany, '77, editor of the *Augusta Chronicle*; Granville Walter Barr, DePauw, '83, editor of the *Keokuk Standard* and a well known writer of magazine fiction; Richard Lee Fearn, Stevens, '84, correspondent at Washington for the *New York Tribune*; Louis Garthe, Johns Hopkins, '82, correspondent at Washington for the *Baltimore American*; Charles S. Sprague, Denver, '86, Editor of the *Rocky Mountain News*; Frank Julian Warne, Pennsylvania, '96, Editor of the *Railway World*; Frederick W. Speers, Johns Hopkins, '88, Editor of the *Booklover's Magazine*; Maurice S. Sherman, Dartmouth, '94, Editor of the *Springfield Union*; Ezra S. Grover, Dartmouth, '97, Editor of the *Shoe and Leather Reporter*; John J. McDavid, Cumber-

land, '55, Editor of the *Southern Farmer*; Horatio Gates Wood, Brown, '84, Editor of the *Newport Observer*, and Arthur Younger Ford, Brown, '84, Editor of the *Louisville Courier-Journal*.

Of persons of prominence not mentioned in other connections we will mention: Amory P. Folwell, Brown, '85, president of the American Society for Municipal Improvement; William H. Tolman, Brown, '82, the well known authority on social economy, and director of the American Institute of Social Science; Robert Hunter, Indiana, '96, author of "Poverty" and an authority on social economy; Bernard Berenson, Boston, '87, the art critic; Lewis Clinton Strang, Boston, '92, the theatrical critic and author of "Famous Actors and Actresses of America"; Henry O. Dwight, Ohio Wesleyan, '65, author of "Turkish Life in War Time;" William P. Stephens, Rutgers, '73, the authority on Yachts and Yachting; Thomas Allen, Washington, '73, the water color artist of Boston; Benjamin F. Funk, Wittenberg, '72, of the publishing house of Funk & Wagnalls; Charles A. Rich,<sup>1</sup> Dartmouth, '75, and Frederick E. D'Oench,<sup>2</sup> Washington, '74, well known architects of New York city; Robert W. McClaughray, Monmouth, '60, superintendent of the federal penitentiary at Ft. Leavenworth and an authority on penology; Frank P. Hill, Dartmouth, '76, librarian of the Brooklyn Public Library; Frederick L.

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<sup>1</sup> Architect of the Dartmouth Chapter House and of the Delta Kappa Epsilon House at Williams.

<sup>2</sup> Architect of the Michigan Chapter House.

Ransome, California, '93, a well known geologist; James R. Carnahan, Wabash, '66, Major General of the Knights of Pythias, and James G. Campbell, DePauw, '86, founder of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

Lastly, we may mention that Professor John L. Campbell, Wabash, '48, suggested the Centennial Exposition held at Philadelphia in 1876, and John S. Hougham, Wabash, '46, was its secretary; Richard Lee Fearn, Stevens, '84, was Secretary of Foreign Affairs at the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893; David R. Francis, Washington, '70, was the president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1903, and Henry St. George Tucker, Washington & Lee, '75, is president of the Jamestown Exposition in 1907.





## CHAPTER XIX.

### TABLES.

#### *Presiding Chapters, Directors, Executive Committee, Trustees, Presidents, Officers, Changes of Chapter Names, Districts, Membership Statistics.*

In this chapter we shall group together certain classified facts, which arranged in chronological order make reference easy.

#### *Presiding Chapters.*

From the Convention of 1847 to that of 1879, the government of the fraternity was through a presiding chapter, the list being as follows:

- 1847-48. A. Miami.
- 1848-51 B. Western Reserve.
- 1851-54. F. Jefferson.
- 1854-56. Δ. DePauw.
- 1856-60. Z. Hampden-Sidney.
- 1860-64. Θ. Ohio Wesleyan.
- 1864-65. Λ. Michigan.
- 1865-66. I. Hanover.
- 1866-67. K. Ohio.
- 1867-68. M. Cumberland.
- 1868-69. Ξ. Knox.
- 1869-70. O. Virginia.
- 1870-71. Π. Indiana.

- 1871-72. P. Washington & Lee.
- 1872-73. T. Wabash.
- 1873-75. Δ Δ. Monmouth.
- 1875-76. Δ. DePauw.
- 1876-77. Δ. Michigan.
- 1877-78. Δ Δ. Wooster.
- 1878-79. Δ Γ. Wittenberg.

In 1879, the new government through a Board of Directors went into effect and continued until 1897 with some changes. The supposed requirement of the law of Ohio that the directors should reside in one state or locality accounts for the preponderance of trustees residing in or near Cincinnati. The following is the list of Directors:

*Directors.*

- John W. Herron, *Miami*, 1879-95.
- John I. Covington, *Miami*, 1879-91; 1892-95.
- Wyllys C. Ransom, *Michigan*, 1879-85; 1894-97.
- Thad. A. Reamy, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 1879-95.
- Olin R. Brouse, *DePauw*, 1879-84.
- William F. Boyd, *Ohio*, 1879-95.
- David H. Moore, *Ohio*, 1879-80; 1892-93.
- R. Harvey Young, *Wash. & Jeff.*, 1879-84; 1891-95.
- Augustus D. Lynch, *DePauw*, 1879-80; 1895-97.
- Sylvester G. Williams, *O. W. U.*; 1880-83.
- William P. Watson, *Rutgers*, 1880-83.
- William B. Burnett, *Iowa*, 1883-86.
- Peleg E. Aldrich, *Harvard*, 1883-86.
- John R. Knox, *Miami*, 1884-95.
- Willis O. Robb, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 1884-89.
- Robert W. Smith, *Williams*, 1885-90.
- Charles J. Seaman, *Denison*, 1886-89.

Charles M. Hepburn, *Virginia*, 1886-95.  
Eugene Wambaugh, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 1889-90; 1892-93.  
George Hoadly, *Western Reserve*, 1889-92.  
David W. McClung, *Miami*, 1890-95.  
Frank M. Joyce, *DePauw*, 1890-95.  
Edgar W. Runyan, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 1893-95.  
Walter L. Tobey, *Miami*, 1893-96.  
William H. Siebert, *Ohio State*, 1893-95.  
J. Cal. Hanna, *Wooster*, 1893-94.  
Ralph K. Jones, *Maine*, 1893-94.  
Charles L. Thornburg, *Vanderbilt*, 1893-94.  
John K. Peebles, *Virginia*, 1892-93.  
Albert S. Berry, *Miami*, 1892-93.  
Frank H. Scott, *Northwestern*, 1892-93.  
E. Bruce Chandler, *Michigan*, 1894-97.  
A. Newton Grant, *Michigan*, 1895-97.  
Willard H. Austin, *Cornell*, 1895-97.  
Warrington K. L. Warwick, *Kenyon*, 1895-97.  
Willis Boughton, *Michigan*, 1895-97.  
John J. Lentz, *Wooster*, 1895-97.  
James L. de Fremery, *California*, 1895-97.  
William O. Mussey, *Cincinnati*, 1895-96.  
Henry A. Williams, *Wittenberg*, 1895-97.  
Campbell J. McDiarmid, *Cincinnati*, 1895-97.  
Marshall P. Drury, *Knox*, 1896-97.  
Harry C. Hays, *Cincinnati*, 1897-97.  
William A. Hamilton, *Northwestern*, 1897-97.

In 1892 the Executive Committee was created. It never had but three members.

*Executive Committee.*

J. Cal. Hanna, 1892-97.  
Chas. L. Thornburg, 1892-97.  
Ralph K. Jones, 1892-97.

In 1897 the government through a Board of Trustees was inaugurated. The Trustees include *ex-officio*, the president, general secretary and general treasurer. As these officers are named in different lists we mention only those trustees who at the same time were not general officers:

*Trustees.*

Willis O. Robb, *Ohio Wesleyan*, 1897-1903.  
Francis H. Sisson, *Knox*, 1897-98; 1907-08.  
Campbell J. McDiarmid, *Cincinnati*, 1897-1901.  
Charles L. Thornburg, *Vanderbilt*, 1898-99.  
J. Cal. Hanna, *Wooster*, 1899-00; 1903-06.  
William A. Hamilton, *Northwestern*, 1900-05.  
H. Walton Mitchell, *Penn'a State*, 1901-04.  
Robert M. Thompson, *Minnesota*, 1904-10.  
Stanley E. Gunnison, *St. Lawrence*, 1905-08.  
Francis W. Shepardson, *Denison*, 1906-09.

*Presidents of the Fraternity.*

William A. Hamilton, 1897-1900; 1906-09.  
J. Cal Hanna, 1900-08.  
Willis O. Robb, 1903-06.

*General Secretaries.*

C. D. Walker, 1872-73; A. N. Grant, 1873-75; D. H. Cheney, 1875-76; George C. Rankin, 1876-77; J. R. Lamar, 1877-78; E. J. Brown, 1878-81; Eugene Wambaugh, 1881-84; J. Cal. Hanna, 1884-99; Francis H. Sisson, 1899-07; Francis W. Shepardson, 1907-'08.

*General Treasurers.*

J. I. Covington, 1872-73; R. Harvey Young, 1873-76; G. M. Halm, 1876-77; O. R. Brouse, 1877-79; R. Harvey Young, 1879-80-84; John I. Covington, 1884-91; R. Harvey Young,

1891-92; Chas. L. Thornburg, 1892-98; Francis H. Sisson, 1898-99; Warren D. Oakes, 1899-04; James L. Gavin, 1904-07.

*Alumni Secretaries.*

W. C. Ransom, 1885-89; George C. Manly, 1889-92; Ralph K. Jones, 1892-97;.

*College Secretaries.*

W. G. Hyde, 1886-87-88; Frank S. Kershaw, 1888-89; Charles P. Sigerfoos, 1889-91; H. A. Williams, 1891-92.

*Catalogue Secretary.*

W. H. Siebert, 1892-93.

*Keeper of the Rolls.*

W. H. Siebert, 1893-6; Charles T. Herbert, 1896-99; Geo. M. Chandler, 1899-1906; James T. Brown, 1906-.

CHANGES OF CHAPTER NAMES.

Had the chapters been named in the alphabetical order of their establishment, the following would have been the roll at the time of the convention of 1847: A, Miami; B, Cincinnati; F, Western Reserve; Δ, Ohio; E, Transylvania; Z, Jefferson; H, Harvard; Θ, Princeton; I, DePauw; K, Indiana; Λ, Michigan; M, Wabash; N, Williams. Whether all of these names were so applied or not is not known, but the system obtained a common recognition, at least so far as concerns the first 12 chapters mentioned.

The convention of 1847 declared the Cincinnati, Ohio, and Harvard chapters extinct, and rearranged the roll as follows: A, Miami; B, Western Reserve; F, Transylvania; Δ, Jefferson; E, Princeton; Z, DePauw; H, Indi-

ana; Θ, Michigan; I, Wabash; K, Williams; and the next chapter formed, at Centre College, was called Λ, in regular order.

The convention of 1848 dropped Transylvania and Princeton, and left Miami and Western Reserve unchanged, but advanced DePauw to Δ, Indiana to E, Michigan to Z, Wabash to H, Williams to Θ and Centre to I, the next chapter, at Brown, being called K, and the next chapter, at Hampden-Sidney, Λ.

The convention of 1851 did not rearrange the roll, but retained the name of Z for the Michigan chapter, which was then inactive. Between 1851 and 1854 North Carolina was established and called H, the Wabash chapter having died. Ohio Wesleyan was established and called Θ, the last name of the inactive Williams chapter, and Hanover was also established and called I. The latter name belonged to the Centre chapter, which dropped it and took the name of E, belonging to the dead Indiana chapter. The chapters at Ohio University and Michigan then being revived, the former took the name of the inactive Brown chapter, K, and the latter, which had been named Z while inactive, exchanged that designation with the Hampden-Sidney chapter for its old name of Λ. All of these changes were made in pursuance of an attempt to fill up gaps in the alphabetical list, caused by the death of some of the chapters.

The convention of 1854 considered the matter carefully, and again rearranged the roll as follows. A, Miami; B, Western Reserve; Γ, Jefferson; Δ, DePauw; E,

Centre; Z, Hampden-Sidney; H, North Carolina; Θ, Ohio Wesleyan; I, Hanover; K, Ohio University; Λ, Michigan. And these names remained unchanged until 1880. The dead chapters were called *prime* chapters, and were designated by the Greek letters followed by an accent ('). Harvard was called H', Princeton Θ', Williams I', Brown K'; and when the Indiana chapter was revived it was called Π, and the Wabash chapter T, in regular order.

The chapters formed after this until the alphabet was exhausted were M, Cumberland; N, Washington (Pa.); Ξ, Knox; O, Virginia; Π, Indiana; P, Washington (Mo.); Σ, Illinois; T, Wabash; Υ, South Carolina; Φ, Davidson; X, Oglethorpe; X, Beloit; Ψ, Bethany; Ω, United States Naval Academy, the letter "X" being given to two chapters through some mistake.

When the alphabet was exhausted, the roll was continued by doubling the letters—A A, B B, Γ Γ, etc., and the chapters were so named down to M M, in 1872. The convention of that year changed this system, and, instead of doubling the letters, prefixed "A" to the letters in regular order, so A A, remaining as before, B B Iowa, became A B; Γ Γ, Wittenberg, A Γ; Δ Δ, Westminster, A Δ; E E, Iowa Wesleyan, A E; Z Z, Chicago, A Z; H H, Denison, A H, Θ Θ, V. M. I., A Θ; I I, Washington, A I; K K, Richmond, A K; Λ Λ, Wooster, A Λ; M M, Howard, A M. The Chicago chapter's name, however, needs especial mention. It was, when established, called Λ Λ, in regular order. Then the alumni chapter at Nashville, which had been called Z Z, surrendered that name

when it was decided to name the alumni chapters upon a different plan, and the name Z Z, was given to the Chicago chapter, and this was changed to A Z in 1872. Upon its revival in 1893 this chapter was called A P.

The convention of 1873 changed the name of the  $\Gamma$  chapter to  $\Gamma$  N, in token of the fact that the chapter at Washington & Jefferson College was formed by the union of the  $\Gamma$  at Jefferson and the N at Washington. The convention of 1874 called the united chapter the N, but the convention of 1876 formally and finally re-christened it  $\Gamma$ .

There were no changes made in the names of the chapters until the convention of 1880. The revived Harvard chapter was then called by its old name of H, which had been used by the North Carolina chapter; the revived Brown chapter was given the name of K, the chapter at Ohio University, which had borne it for many years, taking the name of B, the old name of Western Reserve. The new chapter at the University of Pennsylvania was called  $\Phi$ , and that at Union N, the old name of the Washington chapter; and the following changes were also made: Stevens was changed from B E to  $\Sigma$ , Boston from A Y to Y, Northwestern from A P to P, Randolph-Macon from A  $\Xi$  to  $\Xi$ , and California from A  $\Omega$  to  $\Omega$ .

When the Western Reserve chapter was revived, in 1881, the alumni earnestly desired that it should receive its old name of B, instead of that of B K. Accordingly, an exchange was effected with the Ohio chapter, which had at times borne the names of "B" and "K." When



the Knox chapter was revived, in 1888, it was given the name of A  $\Xi$ , formerly that of the Randolph-Macon chapter. The Columbia chapter, formed in 1881, was called A A, the old name of the Monmouth chapter; the Nebraska chapter, formed in 1887, was called A T, the old name of the William & Mary chapter, and the Pennsylvania State chapter, formed in 1887, was called A Y, formerly belonging to Boston, while the Denver chapter was called A Z, and the Syracuse chapter B E—the former one of the names of the old Chicago chapter, and the latter the first name of the Stevens chapter. When the Davidson chapter was revived, it was called  $\Phi$  A, and when the North Carolina chapter was revived it was called H B, their former names having been  $\Phi$  and H, respectively.

We do not recall any other changes in the chapter nomenclature. For the past few years the names of the chapters have been arbitrarily selected without any reference to their alphabetical sequence, and this plan has given better satisfaction to the individual chapters. It is to be regretted that so many changes in names have occurred, but under the system now in vogue, of using the name of the institution to designate the chapter, its location is promptly recognized, and the confusion incident to the continual use of Greek names is avoided.

#### THE DISTRICTS OF THE FRATERNITY.

Throughout the literature of the fraternity there is constant reference to the Districts into which the fraternity has been divided geographically and a statement of

what chapters were included in the districts at different times is given here in order that the references may be understood.

The fraternity was the first to provide such a grouping of chapters for purposes of administration and in this respect its example has been followed by the more progressive societies.

The districts were first established in 1873 and were arranged as follows:

I. Centre, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio, Washington & Jefferson, Wittenberg, Denison, Wooster.

II. DePauw, Hanover, Indiana, Wabash.

III. Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, Washington & Lee, Bethany, V. M. I, Richmond, Howard, Randolph-Macon.

IV. Beloit, Monmouth, Westminster, Wisconsin, Northwestern.

V. Kansas, Trinity (Tex).

In 1847 Districts IV and V were changed as follows:

IV. Beloit, Monmouth, Wisconsin and Northwestern.

V. Westminster, Washington (Mo.), Kansas, Trinity.

In 1876 they were re-arranged.

III was changed to I, I to II, II to III, Michigan and Chicago were added to IV, and Iowa Wesleyan to V. Later in the year Denison and Dickinson were added to II.

In 1877 the William and Mary Chapter was added to I, and the Boston University chapter to V after Kansas. Later in the year Boston was changed to II, so that at

the end of the year 1897 they stood: I Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, Washington & Lee, Bethany, V. M. I. Randolph-Macon, William & Mary, Virginia State.

II Centre, Ohio Wesleyan, Ohio, Washington & Jefferson, Wittenberg, Wooster, Dickinson, Boston.

III DePauw, Hanover, Indiana and Wabash.

IV Michigan, Beloit, Monmouth, Wisconsin, Northwestern.

V Westminster, Iowa Wesleyan, Washington (Mo.), Trinity, Kansas.

They remained practically unchanged in this arrangement until the fall of 1879 except that Johns Hopkins was added to I, and Butler to III.

In 1879 when the Alpha Sigma Chi Chapters were admitted Districts II, III, IV and V were renumbered III, IV, V and VI and a new district II was created comprising Washington & Jefferson, Dickinson, Boston, Rutgers, Cornell, Stevens, St. Lawrence, and Maine. Kenyon was added to new District III, Mississippi to IV and California to VI.

At the opening of the college year 1880, a further arrangement was made into seven districts, as follows:

I Hampden-Sidney, Virginia, Bethany, V. M. I., Richmond, Randolph-Macon, Virginia State, Johns Hopkins.

II Harvard, Brown, Boston, Maine.

III Washington & Jefferson, Stevens, Pennsylvania, Dickinson, Rutgers, Cornell, St. Lawrence.

IV Ohio, Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg, Denison, Wooster and Kenyon.

V DePauw, Centre, Hanover, Cumberland, Indiana, Wabash, Butler, Mississippi.

VI Michigan, Beloit, Wisconsin, Northwestern.

VII California, Iowa, Westminster, Iowa Wesleyan, Kansas Trinity.

When Eugene Wambaugh became General Secretary he divided the chapters into nine districts, as follows:

I Harvard, Brown, Boston, Maine.

II Union, Stevens, Columbia, Rutgers, Cornell, St. Lawrence, Colgate.

III Washington & Jefferson, Pennsylvania, Bethany, Dickinson, Johns Hopkins.

IV Hampden-Sidney, Randolph-Macon, Virginia, Richmond.

V Centre, Cumberland, Mississippi.

VI Ohio, Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg, Denison, Wooster, Kenyon, Western Reserve.

VII DePauw, Hanover, Indiana, Wabash.

VIII Northwestern, Beloit, Iowa, Iowa Wesleyan, Wisconsin.

IX California, Westminster, Kansas.

This arrangement remained the same, so far as the geographical grouping was concerned, for many years, except for additions, although Bethany was moved into District VI and Michigan into VII.

At the close of the college year 1896-7 the following was the arrangement:

I Harvard, Brown, Boston, Maine, Amherst, Dartmouth, Wesleyan, Yale.

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II Rutgers, Cornell, Stevens, St. Lawrence, Colgate, Union, Columbia, Syracuse.

III Washington & Jefferson, Pennsylvania, Dickinson, Johns Hopkins, Pennsylvania State, Lehigh.

IV Hampden-Sidney, North Carolina, Virginia, Davidson.

V Centre, Cumberland, Mississippi, Vanderbilt, Texas.

VI Miami, Cincinnati, Western Reserve, Ohio, Bethany, Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg, Denison, Wooster, Kenyon, Ohio State.

VII DePauw, Indiana, Michigan, Wabash, Hanover.

VIII Knox, Beloit, Iowa, Chicago, Iowa Wesleyan, Wisconsin, Northwestern, Minnesota.

IX Westminster, Kansas, California, Denver, Nebraska, Missouri, Stanford.

In the fall of 1897 a few changes were made. Michigan was changed from VII to VIII and California and Stanford were taken from IX and formed into a new district X.

Down to the fall of 1906 this distribution continued with the necessary additions. Bowdoin was added to I, West Virginia and Case to VI, Purdue to VII, Illinois and Iowa State to VIII, Colorado to IX and Washington State to X.

The General Secretary then thought it wise to divide Districts I and II and VI and to re-arrange some of the others so that the chapters are now grouped as given below, and they are likely to remain in such relation for a long time.

I Amherst, Boston, Bowdoin, Brown, Dartmouth, Maine.

II Columbia, Rutgers, Stevens, Wesleyan, Yale.

III Colgate, Cornell, St. Lawrence, Syracuse, Toronto, Union.

IV Dickinson, Johns Hopkins, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State, Washington & Jefferson.

V Davidson, Hampden-Sidney, North Carolina, Virginia.

VI Central, Texas, Vanderbilt.

VII Bethany, Cincinnati, Miami, Ohio, Ohio State, West Virginia, Wittenberg.

VIII Case, Denison, Kenyon, Ohio, Wesleyan, Western Reserve, Wooster.

IX DePauw, Hanover, Indiana, Purdue, Wabash.

X Beloit, Chicago, Illinois, Knox, Michigan, Northwestern, Wisconsin.

XI Iowa, Iowa State, Iowa Wesleyan, Minnesota, Nebraska.

XII Colorado, Denver, Kansas, Missouri, Washington, Westminster.

XIII California, Stanford, Washington State.

#### MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS.

The following table of membership was prepared by James T. Brown, Keeper of the Rolls, and represents the membership at the close of the college year 1906-7.

Inactive chapters are named in *italics*.

# TABLE OF MEMBERSHIP.

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	Living Initiates	Dead Initiates	Total Initiates	Trans- fers	Total Enroll- ment
Amherst .....	246	14	260	8	268
Beloit .....	181	30	211	2	213
Bethany .....	188	32	220	1	221
Boston .....	235	16	251	4	255
Bowdoin .....	71	..	71	1	72
Brown .....	242	26	268	5	273
<i>Butler</i> .....	15	4	19	1	20
California .....	177	3	180	7	187
Case .....	96	2	98	1	99
<i>Centenary</i> .....	9	23	32	..	32
Central .....	241	89	330	8	338
Chicago .....	114	..	114	9	123
Cincinnati .....	133	17	150	3	153
Colgate .....	241	13	254	..	254
Colorado .....	72	1	73	4	77
Columbia .....	129	8	137	9	146
Cornell .....	223	19	242	28	270
<i>Cumberland</i> .....	192	70	262	9	271
Dartmouth .....	477	82	559	1	560
Davidson .....	153	16	169	..	169
Denison .....	178	19	197	..	197
Denver .....	90	4	94	5	99
DePauw .....	319	132	451	7	458
Dickinson .....	171	19	190	1	191
<i>Emory</i> .....	19	37	56	..	56
<i>Georgia</i> .....	10	28	38	..	38
Hampden-Sidney .....	143	78	221	3	224
Hanover .....	171	57	228	4	232
<i>Harvard</i> .....	103	16	119	17	136
<i>Howard</i> .....	36	7	43	..	43
<i>Illinois College</i> .....	13	13	26	1	27
Illinois .....	72	....	72	10	82
Indiana .....	279	74	353	14	367

	Living Initiates	Dead Initiates	Total Initiates	Trans- fers	Total Enroll- ment
Iowa State .....	63	....	63	..	63
Iowa .....	211	14	225	10	235
Iowa Wesleyan .....	199	28	227	1	228
Johns Hopkins .....	152	12	164	7	171
Kansas .....	240	19	259	8	267
Kenyon .....	112	6	118	4	122
Knox .....	166	31	197	2	199
Lehigh .....	72	....	72	13	85
Maine .....	232	18	250	..	250
Miami .....	165	100	265	11	276
Michigan .....	266	76	342	31	373
Minnesota .....	151	5	156	8	164
Mississippi .....	149	39	188	1	189
Missouri .....	306	29	335	5	340
Monmouth .....	42	9	51	..	51
Naval Academy .....	4	2	6	3	9
Nebraska .....	149	1	150	..	150
North Carolina .....	126	42	168	5	173
Northwestern .....	212	9	221	6	227
Oglethorpe .....	9	5	14	1	15
Ohio .....	184	61	245	..	245
Ohio State .....	147	7	154	22	176
Ohio Wesleyan .....	301	69	370	7	377
Oklahoma .....	24	...	...	..	24
Pennsylvania .....	163	11	174	13	187
Penn'a State .....	130	1	131	..	131
Princeton .....	8	19	27	..	27
Purdue .....	45	....	45	7	52
Randolph-Macon .....	67	8	75	..	75
Richmond .....	98	20	118	1	119
Rutgers .....	157	9	166	1	167
St. Lawrence .....	184	17	201	..	201
South Carolina .....	10	10	20	..	20



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	Living Initiates	Dead Initiates	Total Initiates	Trans- fers	Total Enroll- ment
Stanford .....	80	2	82	8	90
Stevens .....	153	15	168	8	176
Syracuse .....	244	34	278	1	279
Texas .....	126	5	131	8	139
Toronto .....	25	1	26	..	26
<i>Transylvania</i> .....	8	13	21	..	21
<i>Trinity</i> .....	42	8	50	..	50
Union .....	121	13	134	2	136
Vanderbilt .....	130	12	142	5	147
Virginia .....	265	66	331	40	371
<i>V. M. I.</i> .....	49	18	67	2	69
<i>Virginia State</i> .....	25	4	29	1	30
Wabash .....	188	55	243	8	251
Washington-Jefferson .....	211	126	337	7	344
<i>Washington &amp; Lee</i> .....	47	33	80	1	81
Washington State .....	63	2	65	3	68
Washington .....	85	9	94	2	96
Wesleyan .....	186	69	255	1	256
Western Reserve .....	178	61	239	4	243
Westminster .....	144	25	169	..	169
West Virginia .....	56	....	56	5	61
<i>William and Mary</i> .....	6	6	12	2	14
<i>Williams</i> .....	3	8	11	..	11
Wisconsin .....	233	17	250	13	263
Wittenberg .....	205	16	221	..	221
Wooster .....	183	18	201	13	214
Yale .....	177	3	180	12	192
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## CHAPTER XX.

### *The Convention Roll.*

*1842. Cincinnati, August 15, 16.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Thomas G. Mitchell; *Secretaries*, W. E. Blackburn, Alexander Paddack; *Orator*, A. W. Hamilton.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, A. W. Hamilton, William E. Blackburn, John A. Collins, James J. Berry; *Cincinnati*, Thomas G. Mitchell, Henry Snow, John H. Jones, Alexander Paddack, Jacob Burnett, John C. Zachos, Thompson L. Brown, John L. Scott; *Western Reserve*, B. F. Millard, Thomas M. Oviatt; *Ohio*, John M. Bush.

*1847. Cincinnati, O., May 14, 15.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, George Hoadly; *Vice President*, Isaiah Little; *Secretary*, Varnum D. Collins.

DELEGATES.—*Miami* Isaiah Little, L. G. Hay, S. S. Laws; *Cincinnati*, Stanley Matthews, John A. Collins, Alexander Paddack, Thomas G. Mitchell, Henry Snow; *Wabash*, Varnum D. Collins; *Western Reserve*, George Hoadly, Ebenezer Bushnell, Charles W. Palmer, T. S. Paine; *Jefferson*, J. Todd Edgar; *Michigan*, George L. Becker; *DePauw*, Thomas Reagan, A. W. Reagan.

*1848. Hudson, O., August 8, 9.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Charles R. Pierce; *Vice President*, Robert W. Smith; *Secretary*, Wyllys C. Ransom; *Assistant*, T. S. Paine; *Orator*, Halbert E. Paine.

DELEGATES.—*Western Reserve*, Ebenezer Bushnell, Thomas Dogget, Charles A. Norton, Charles W. Palmer, Charles R. Pierce, R. A. Sawyer, H. C. Gaylord, William H. Upson, Karl

Ruger, T. D. Nutting, Lemuel Bissell, J. G. Graham, G. E. Paine, H. E. Paine, Theo. S. Paine, Henry P. Sandford, William S. Aumock, J. S. Newberry, William C. Turner; *Michigan*, S. D. Miller, George L. Becker, W. C. Ransom, J. W. Walker; *Williams*, A. P. Carpenter, R. W. Smith; *Centre*, R. Vance Moore.

1851. *Pittsburgh, Pa., August 7, 9.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, H. S. Martin; *Vice President*, Rollin A. Sawyer; *Secretaries*, A. M. Fitch, D. R. Stevenson; *Orator*, Jacob Winters.

DELEGATES.—*Western Reserve*, R. A. Sawyer, D. Taylor, R. W. Smith, A. M. Fitch; *Jefferson*, Henry S. Martin, W. H. Pyle, Henry M. Smith, A. D. Hepburn, G. W. Clarke, F. L. Stewart, J. M. Clarke, Rush Clark, J. P. Sterrett, J. P. Penney, Levi Penney, D. R. Stevenson, H. Quail, M. S. Quay, John Weaver, Jacob Winters, C. R. Letherman, A. M. Reid, T. J. Griffin.

1854. *Cincinnati, O., August 16, 17.*

OFFICERS.—*President* George K. Clarke; *Vice Presidents*, George Hoadly, F. R. Dorman, E. W. Mulliken, Samuel McKee, Mark L. DeMotte, D. W. McClung; *Secretaries*, T. H. Urmston, William E. Hunt.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, William J. Beatty, D. W. McClung, George K. Clarke, Albert S. Berry, John J. Glenn; *Western Reserve*, George Hoadly; *Jefferson*, William E. Hunt; *DePauw*, William M. Daily, F. R. Dorman, Mark L. DeMotte, Ira G. Grover, John S. Tarkington; *Centre*, James F. McKee, Samuel McKee, Alexander Buckner, Thomas H. Urmston, B. F. Blackburn; *Hanover*, Harry Keigwin; *Ohio*, E. W. Mulliken.

1856. *Louisville, Ky., August, 13-15.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, D. W. McClung; *Secretary*, Harry Keigwin; *Orator*, J. L. McKee.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, I. M. Hughes, D. W. McClung, J. A.

Battle, T. H. Rogers, John Woods; *Jefferson*, I. P. Houston, William McGregor; *DePauw*, A. D. Lynch, J. Howard, B. F. Crary; *Centre*, J. F. McKee, Sam McKee, A. W. Irvine, H. B. Boude; *North Carolina*, J. E. Lindsay; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Charles Parrot, J. A. Hamilton; *Hanover*, William I. Craddock, J. A. Cooper, C. A. Johnson, Harry Keigwin, Alex. Hunter, J. K. Patterson, W. K. Patterson, G. W. McCauley, B. K. Smoot, J. E. Rankin, H. C. Warren; *Ohio*, J. P. Safford; *Cumberland*, S. C. Love; *Washington* (Pa.), J. W. Hughes; *Indiana*, W. Evans.

1858. *Berkeley Springs, Va., August 13-16.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, W. A. Hanway; *Vice Presidents*, Miles Saunders, R. L. Caruthers; *Secretary*, D. H. Moore.

DELEGATES.—*DePauw*, John C. Hester; *Centre*, Miles Saunders; *Ohio*, D. H. Moore; *Michigan*, D. M. Johnson; *Jefferson*, W. A. Hanway; *Indiana*, Henry W. Ballentine; *Cumberland*, R. L. Caruthers.

1860. *Columbus, O., August 13.*

OFFICERS. *President*, F. C. Wilson; *Secretary*, John Woods.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, John Woods, M. C. Williams, Ozro J. Dodds; *Jefferson*, W. B. Cook, J. L. Sample, J. M. Maxwell, W. A. Hanway; *Ohio Wesleyan*, J. F. Earle, W. W. Fountain, A. N. Mead, M. B. Gilbert, I. R. Dickinson, C. H. Rippey; *Hanover*, James Wilson; *DePauw*, J. G. Dunbar; *Davidson*, J. P. Graham; *Ohio*, J. W. Short; *Michigan*, I. H. Elliott; *Washington* (Va.), F. C. Wilson.

1864. *Indianapolis, August 19-21.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, John Roberts; *Secretary*, J. A. Keller.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, John Morton; *Western Reserve*, S. E. Williamson; *DePauw*, H. J. Dunbar; *Indiana*, John Roberts; *Ohio*, W. O. Young; *Michigan*, J. B. Root; *Hanover*, J. A. Dean. J. A. Kellar.

1865. *Detroit, Mich., February 1-2.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, J. A. Kellar; *Secretary*, Oliver A. Brown.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, John H. Patterson; *Western Reserve*, H. C. Clark, Henry M. Wright; *Centre*, Alfred Ryors; *Ohio Wesleyan*, C. R. Bagg, O. A. Brown; *Hanover*, J. A. Kellar; *Michigan*, Ira Olds, Sidney D. Miller, T. M. Baxter, E. C. Boudinot, W. W. Dedricks; *Indiana*, H. S. McRae, E. M. McDonald; *Wabash*, R. B. F. Pierce; *DePauw*, D. G. Hamilton.

1866. *Cincinnati, O., May 1-3.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, J. T. Rusk; *Secretary*, F. S. Hanford; *Assistant*, F. C. Iglehart; *Poet*, J. B. Black.

DELEGATES.—*Miami*, J. H. Patterson, R. T. Durrell, Myron Banning, J. T. Whittaker; *Western Reserve*, F. S. Handford, W. L. Campbell; *DePauw*, O. R. Brouse, J. H. Lozier, F. C. Iglehart; *Ohio Wesleyan*, J. T. Rusk, C. A. Turner; *Hanover*, G. G. Dunn, E. C. Monfort, Thomas V. Thornton; *Cumberland*, C. M. Ewing; *Washington (Pa.)*, J. E. Moffat; *Knorr*, F. M. Hayner; *Indianapolis*, O. T. Gillett; *Wabash*, James R. Carnahan.

1867. *Indianapolis, April 10-12.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, John Coburn; *Vice President*, John Overmeyer; *Secretary*, L. B. Wilson; *Assistant*, James R. Carnahan.

DELEGATES.<sup>1</sup>—*Miami*, E. S. Scott; *Western Reserve*, H. H. Rice; *DePauw*, John Overmeyer, C. F. Goodwin; *Wabash*, John Coburn, J. R. Carnahan; *Indiana*, L. B. Wilson; *Ohio*, D. H. Moore; *Cumberland*, H. H. Lurton.

1868. *Nashville, Tenn., July 14-17.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, R. L. Caruthers; *Secretaries*, H. L.

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<sup>1</sup> List incomplete.

Bently, H. C. Warren, S. R. Cockrill, W. S. Davis; *Orator*, James W. Blackmore.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Miami*, P. N. Moore; *Western Reserve*, P. A. Otis; *DePauw*, W. L. Johnston, J. W. Lovett; *Hampden-Sidney*, A. L. Robertson; *Ohio Wesleyan*, C. E. Stanley; *Cumberland*, Hamilton Parks; *Washington*, (Va), J. W. Allison; *Wabash*, C. H. Little; *Hanover*, Harry C. Warren, O. W. Shryer; *Virginia*, Z. W. Ewing; *Centre*, H. B. Boude; *Iowa University*, J. D. Glass; *Monmouth*, Eli Caruthers.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Nashville*, T. H. Cahal.

1869. *Columbus, O., July 7-9.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, R. W. Smith; *Vice President*, Allison Maxwell; *Secretary*, Henry B. Young; *Assistant*, J. M. Thompson; *Chaplain*, Hugh Boyd; *Orator*, E. B. Stevens; *Poet*, J. H. Lozier.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Miami*, J. W. Short; *DePauw*, E. H. Terrell and J. W. Lovett; *Hanover*, J. M. Thompson; *Ohio*, Henry C. Will; *Cumberland*, R. V. Foster; *Indiana*, Allison Maxwell; *Monmouth*, Henry B. Young; *Westminster*, T. W. Shaw; *Iowa Wesleyan*, W. G. Wilson; *Denison*, Henry A. Delano, C. J. Seaman; *Chicago*, R. W. Smith; *Virginia*, Shepard Barclay; *Wittenberg*, C. F. Hormel; *Wabash*, W. T. Haines; *Washington* (Mo.), Shepard Barclay; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Hermus Cronkleton.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Chicago*, O. R. Brouse.

1870. *Chicago, Ill., August 31 to September 2.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, James B. Black; *Vice President*, James W. Blackmore; *Secretary*, W. M. Salter; *Assistant*, E. H. Terrell.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Miami*, Roger Williams; *DePauw*, Frost Craft; *Hampden-Sidney*, J. W. Rosebro; *Ohio Wesleyan*, J. N. Irvin; *Hanover*, J. O. Stilson; *Ohio*, D. H. Moore; *Cumberland*, J. A. Trousdale, James W. Blackmore;

*Knox*, J. S. Castle; *Indiana*, R. W. Miers; *Wabash*, L. S. Smith; *Monmouth*, George J. Gordon; *Iowa University*, W. B. Craig; *Wittenberg*, F. C. Hormel; *Westminster*, H. S. Priest; *Iowa Wesleyan*, J. E. Corley; *Chicago*, O. C. Weller; *Denison*, Charles J. Seaman; *Washington (Mo.)*, George R. Lockwood.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Chicago*, E. B. Chandler, D. G. Hamilton; *Louisville*, Harry C. Warren.

1871. *Indianapolis, August 30, 31, to September 1.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Oliver P. Morton; *Vice President*, Thomas S. McClelland; *Secretary*, Henry A. Buchtel; *Assistant*, J. W. Shackelford; *Chaplain*, Oliver A. Brown; *Orator*, H. R. Naylor; *Poet*, E. E. Edwards.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Miami*, Roger Williams; *DePauw*, H. A. Buchtel; *Ohio Wesleyan*, O. A. Brown; *Hanover*, M. S. Coulter; *Ohio*, A. J. Michael; *Knox*, J. J. Parks; *Virginia*, Harry C. Warren; *Indiana*, J. A. New.; *Washington & Lee*, W. O. Roberts; *Wabash*, L. M. Vance; *Monmouth*, J. R. Berry; *Wittenberg*, J. C. Kauffman; *Iowa Wesleyan*, J. E. Corley; *Denison*, C. J. Seaman; *Washington, (Mo.)*, J. W. Shackelford.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Chicago*, T. S. McClelland; *Indianapolis*, J. B. Black; *Louisville*, H. S. Wilson.

1872. *Richmond, Va., August 21-24.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, William Allan; *Vice President*, Charles J. Seaman; *Secretary*, Charles D. Walker; *Assistant*, William H. Kent; *Chaplain*, Rev. Thomas L. Preston.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*DePauw*, A. N. Grant; *Hampden-Sidney*, J. A. Sanderson; *Hanover*, E. J. Brown; *Ohio*, W. H. G. Adney; *Washington (Pa.)*, Eugene W. Hoge; *Virginia*, John S. Wise; *Indiana*, G. S. Mitchell; *Washington & Lee*, W. N. Johnston; *Wabash*, William H. Kent; *Bethany*, J. H. Anderson; *Monmouth*, George C. Rankin; *Iowa Wesleyan*,



Frank Mahan; *Denison*, Charles J. Seaman; *V. M. I.*, Charles D. Walker; *Richmond*, J. Ad. French.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Chicago*, O. R. Brouse; *Cincinnati*, John I. Covington; *Richmond*, W. A. Thom.

1873. *Cincinnati*, December 29 to January 1, 1874.

OFFICERS.—*President*, W. C. Ransom; *Vice President*, Thad. A. Reamy; *Chaplain*, O. A. Hills; *Secretary*, Al. Baker; *Assistant*, D. H. Cheney; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, H. R. Smith; *Orator*, Stanley Matthews; *Poet*, Earl Cranston.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*DePauw*, A. N. Grant; *Centre*, William Ayres; *Ohio Wesleyan*, W. S. Cowen; *Hanover*, W. S. Acomb; *Ohio*, C. H. Dixon; *Washington & Jefferson*, D. S. Cooper; *Knox*, M. P. Drury; *Indiana*, T. T. Rose; *Washington & Lee*, W. O. Roberts; *Wabash*, Al. Baker; *Bethany*, J. H. Nesslage, J. S. Lowe; *Monmouth*, W. T. Rankin; *Wittenberg*, J. W. McKinnon; *Westminster*, W. A. Barr; *Denison*, B. S. Keys; *V. M. I.*, C. D. Walker; *Wooster*, F. Taggart, J. W. Thompson; *Kansas*, W. C. Ransom; *Wisconsin*, W. F. Boyd; *Northwestern*, D. H. Cheney.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Louisville*, F. C. Wilson; *Cincinnati*, Arthur Stern; *Evansville*, T. R. McPherson.

1875. *Evansville, Ind.*, August 25-27.

OFFICERS.—*President*, W. C. Ransom; *Vice President*, Luke Wood; *Secretary*, George C. Rankin; *Assistant*, Fred Terrell; *Chaplain*, Earl Cranston; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, F. R. Eversall.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Washington & Jefferson*, R. H. Young; *DePauw*, C. R. Hammond; *Centre*, J. H. Skinner; *Ohio Wesleyan*, G. M. Halm; *Hanover*, S. W. Black; *Ohio*, A. B. Richardson; *Michigan*, J. J. Shields, A. N. Grant; *Virginia*, H. C. Warren; *Indiana*, J. B. Morrison; *Wabash*, C. H. McCarter. *Monmouth*, George C. Rankin; *Wittenberg*, B. O. Cowan; *Westminister*, J. R. Dobyns; *Kansas*, L. D. L. Tosh, W. C. Ransom; *Northwestern*, C. J. Goodenow.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Chicago*, D. H. Cheney; *Indianapolis*, E. H. Terrell; *Louisville*, Eugene Warren; *Cincinnati*, R. Harvey Young; *Evansville*, Luke Wood.

1876. *Philadelphia, July, 5-7.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Charles D. Walker; *Vice President*, J. M. Goodspeed; *Secretary*, F. C. McMillin; *Assistant*, H. R. Cook; *Chaplain*, E. Devine; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, H. Y. Black.

DELEGATES.—*Washington & Jefferson*, T. S. Brown; *DePauw*, C. R. Hammond; *Ohio Wesleyan*, W. E. Dennison; *Hanover*, J. C. Thompson; *Ohio*, J. M. Goodspeed; *Michigan*, D. A. Garwood; *Knox*, H. S. Hitchcock; *Bethany*, J. A. Oram; *Monmouth*, J. A. Robison; *Westminster*, J. E. Powell; *Denison*, W. H. Pritchard; *Trinity*, R. J. Haynes; *V. M. I.*, Charles D. Walker; *Wooster*, E. P. Dean; *Kansas*, William Osborn; *Wisconsin*, H. R. Cook; *Northwestern*, E. M. Kinman; *Dickinson*, Henry Shirk; *William & Mary*, E. H. Harrison; *Wabash*, D. R. Bishop.

1877. *Detroit, August, 15-17.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, W. A. Moore; *Vice President*, C. J. Seaman; *Secretary*, Fred Terrell; *Chaplain*, B. L. Smith; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, John S. Goodwin; *Poet*, J. H. Lozier.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*DePauw*, C. R. Hammond; *Ohio Wesleyan*, W. O. Robb; *Michigan*, J. H. Grant; *Indiana*, O. Z. Hubbell; *Monmouth*, J. W. McCoy; *Wittenberg*, J. M. Lawrence; *Wooster*, R. C. Rankin; *Kansas*, J. A. Wickersham; *Northwestern*, G. E. Ackerman; *Boston*, C. C. Williams.

*Alumni Chapters*—*Chicago*, J. A. Burhans; *Indianapolis*, John S. Goodwin; *Cincinnati*, Geo. B. Fox; *Evansville*, Walter Thayer.

1878. *Indianapolis, September, 4-6.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, R. W. Smith; *Vice President*, Dump Carpenter; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, Robert E. Smith; *Secretary*.

John S. Goodwin; *Assistant*, W. O. Robb; *Orator*, A. J. Poppleton; *Poet*, J. W. Black.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*DePauw*, Paul Wilcox; *Centre*, S. G. Boyle; *Hanover*, W. A. Foster; *Ohio Wesleyan*, W. O. Robb; *Ohio*, A. J. Hawk; *Michigan*, J. H. Grant; *Indiana*, J. A. Arnold; *Wabash*, W. S. Lewis; *Beloit*, R. F. Pettibone; *Bethany*, C. A. Kleeberger; *Wittenberg*, B. S. Grosscup; *Wooster*, Dump Carpenter; *Kansas*, C. S. Finch; *Butler*, Miles Clifford.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Chicago*, O. R. Brouse; *Indianapolis*, John S. Goodwin; *Cincinnati*, Marshall P. Drury.

1879. *Cincinnati, O., September 2-4.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, R. W. Smith; *Vice President*, W. C. Ransom; *Chaplain*, E. J. Brown; *Secretary*, W. E. Dennison; *Assistant*, Paul Wilcox; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, H. E. Insley.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*DePauw*, G. W. Switzer; *Centre*, M. M. Vaughn; *Ohio Wesleyan*, C. T. Brown; *Hanover*, S. F. Bringle; *Ohio*, C. W. Delamatre; *Michigan*, J. E. Beal; *Indiana*, F. C. Hood; *Wabash*, H. L. Anderson; *Bethany*, F. T. Smith; *Wittenberg*, J. H. Prugh; *Denison*, A. L. Hughes; *Wooster*, J. Cal. Hanna; *Northwestern*, J. E. Adams; *Boston*, W. B. Lindsay; *Butler*, Charles E. Needham; *Kenyon*, G. D. Curtis.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Chicago*, R. W. Smith; *Indianapolis*, Lawrence G. Hay; *Cincinnati*, John W. Herron.

1880. *Baltimore, August 24-26.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, W. C. Ransom; *Vice President*, J. E. Heath; *Chaplain*, C. R. McIlwaine; *Secretary*, A. H. Flack; *Assistant*, Howard Stetler; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, John R. Larus; *Orator*, D. O. Kellogg.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Washington & Jefferson*, R. R. Patterson, J. G. Streat; *Centre*, C. R. Barrett; *Hampden-Sidney*, W. C. White, John R. Larus, John Falconer; *Ohio*

*Wesleyan*, R. R. McCabe; *Hanover*, J. J. Sturges; *Michigan*, J. H. Grant, J. E. Beal, O. F. Hunt; *Virginia*, C. R. McIlwaine. M. B. Curry; *Indiana*, W. A. Pickins; *Washington & Lee*, R. C. Hallyday; *V. M. I.*, J. Loney, H. R. Fairfax; *Denison*, A. L. Hughes; *Richmond*, E. F. Settle, W. C. Bitting; *Wooster*, A. Hoover, J. J. Lentz, G. E. Herrick; *Kansas*, W. C. Ransom, D. O. Kellogg; *Northwestern*, A. G. Foster; *Dickinson*, L. T. Appold, James Reaney, W. R. Israel; *Boston*, M. A. Pingree. A. H. Flack, W. B. Lindsay; *Johns Hopkins*, E. Goodman, L. W. Wilhelm, T. M. Beadenkopf; *Virginia State*, W. H. Perkinson, Barton Pitts; *Butler*, W. H. Connor; *Kenyon*, G. D. Curtis; *Rutgers*, J. F. McWilliams, R. J. Wortendyke, R. C. Plume; *Cornell*, R. B. Alling; *Stevens*, W. R. Baird, James Beatty; *St. Lawrence*, H. F. Gunnison; *Maine*, W. T. Haines; *Brown*, O. B. Monroe; *Pennsylvania*, W. T. Hildrup, Jr., H. S. Stetler.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Cincinnati*, W. F. Boyd, M. P. Drury; *Indianapolis*, A. D. Lynch; *Richmond*, James E. Heath; *Louisville* S. G. Boyle; *Chicago*, R. W. Smith; *Baltimore*, B. K. Kirkland, W. N. Smith, T. J. Elliott.

1881. *Chicago*, August 30, 31, September 1.

OFFICERS.—*President*, A. P. Carpenter; *Vice Presidents*, E. H. Terrell, Guy C. Earl, W. N. Smith, D. E. Osborne, A. P. Hoyt, Harry Ehrman, C. D. Williams; *Secretary*, W. R. Baird; *Assistants*, W. B. Cady, J. Cal. Hanna, E. H. Ernst; *Chaplain*, J. B. Worrall; *Sergeant-at-Arms*, W. H. Tolman, W. K. L. Warwick; *Orator*, Rev. John Bascom; *Poet*, W. F. Stone.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Ohio*, W. F. Boyd; *Washington & Jefferson*, R. P. Patterson, R. Harvey Young; *DePauw*, F. M. Joyce, C. S. Olcott, Will Iglehart; *Centre*, B. B. Veech, G. C. Cowles, W. H. January; *Hampden-Sidney*, G. J. Ramsay; *Harvard*, Eugene Wambaugh, Chambers Baird; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Jno. Alexander, Cassius Weedman, R. R. McCabe; *Hanover*, E. E. Silliman, L. J. Duncan, E. J. Brown; *Brown*.

H. S. Babcock, W. H. Holman, A. P. Hoyt; *Michigan*, D. E. Osborne, D. A. Garwood, W. B. Cady; *Virginia*, W. M. Atkinson; *Indiana*, F. C. Davis, O. P. Erskine, J. L. Mackey; *Northwestern*, F. H. Thatcher, J. T. Hatfield, W. A. Hamilton; *Stevens*, Pierce Butler; *Wabash*, W. H. Kent, J. E. Williamson; *Boston*, A. C. Poole, A. H. Flack; *Pennsylvania*, C. R. Claghorn; *Beloit*, C. B. McGenniss, C. J. Robertson; *Bethany*, H. G. Niles, M. C. Burt; *California*, Guy C. Earl; *Iowa*, T. G. Newman; *Wittenberg*, R. H. Grube; *Denison*, W. C. Sprague, J. J. Robinson; *Westminster*, J. G. Trimble, J. R. Moorehead, H. C. Evans; *Richmond*, M. B. Curry; *Wooster*, J. H. McDonald, F. B. Pearson, J. Cal. Hanna; *Kansas*, Scott Hopkins, Louis Luscher, C. G. Upton; *Wisconsin*, H. L. Smith, Stanley Proudfit, J. M. Dodson; *Johns Hopkins*, S. G. Boyle; *Kenyon*, C. D. Williams, W. K. L. Warwick; *Cornell*, Harry Ehrman; *St. Lawrence*, W. L. Fitzgibbons; *Colgate*, C. J. Pope; *Western Reserve*, N. C. Stevens.

*Alumni Chapters*—*Cincinnati*, John I. Covington, S. G. Williams, W. F. Boyd; *New York*, W. R. Baird; *Chicago*, E. Bruce Chandler, Thomas McClelland, L. P. Scoville; *Cleveland*, C. J. Seaman; *Baltimore*, W. N. Smith; *Indianapolis*, L. G. Hay, J. I. Hazzard; *Richmond*, J. E. Heath.

1882. *Cincinnati, August 29-31.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Will Cumback; *Vice Presidents*, H. S. Babcock, W. E. Jobbins, H. S. Stetler, F. B. Clark, A. C. Downs, J. C. Hanna, J. E. Beal, W. A. Hamilton, J. W. Childs; *Secretary*, F. W. Shepardson; *Assistants*, J. A. Case, William Iglehart; *Chaplain*, L. G. Hay; *Marshal*, J. C. Harris; *Assistant*, G. S. Conkey.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Ohio*, R. U. Wilson; *DePauw*, C. L. Urmston, G. B. Moore, E. L. Martin; *Centre*, H. C. Read, W. B. Matthews, J. C. Cowles; *Hampden-Sidney*, W. C. White; *Harvard*, Eugene Wambaugh, Chambers Baird; *Ohio Wesleyan*, J. R. Hughes, N. H. Fairbanks, M. S. Milli-

gan; *Hanover*, E. J. Brown, J. B. Tucker, R. E. Schuh; *Brown*, H. S. Babcock, C. H. J. Douglass; *Michigan*, J. A. Case, J. E. Beal, J. H. Grant; *Union*, J. W. Adams; *Randolph-Macon*, M. H. Albin; *Virginia*, Cornelius Skinner; *Indiana*, A. D. Moffett; *Northwestern*, J. C. Bannister; *Stevens*, Pierce Butler, Thomas G. Smith; *Boston*, C. F. Waterhouse, A. C. Poole; *Wabash*, J. F. Stutesman; *Iowa*, J. I. Gilbert; *Wittenberg*, S. S. Kauffman, E. P. Otis, W. A. Pugh; *Westminster*, J. R. Morehead, E. B. McClure; *Denison*, F. W. Shepardson, F. M. Stalker, W. C. Sheppard; *Richmond*, W. R. Thomas; *Wooster*, J. C. Hanna, D. S. Moore, T. G. McConkey; *Wisconsin*, E. C. Stevens, B. G. Treat, L. P. Conover; *Kenyon*, J. Ed. Good, W. S. Taylor, Alonzo M. Snyder; *Mississippi*, J. C. Harris, T. D. Marshall, W. L. Birdsong; *Cornell*, H. C. Elmer, H. Ehrman; *St. Lawrence*, G. S. Conkey, F. T. Post; *Maine State*, E. S. Abbott; *Colgate*, A. M. Dyer, C. E. Haworth; *Western Reserve*, W. B. Parmelee, J. W. Andrews.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Cincinnati*, J. J. Hight, W. O. Robb, C. H. Carey; *Cleveland*, C. J. Seaman; *Indianapolis*, Allison Maxwell; *Chicago*, D. G. Hamilton.

1883. *Saratoga Springs, August 28-30.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, W. C. Ransom; *Vice Presidents*, C. J. Seaman, G. S. Williams, A. H. Flack; *Secretary*, F. C. McMillin; *Assistants*, A. M. Dyer, R. L. Fearn; *Marshall*, H. W. Winkley; *Assistant*, R. E. Sykes; *Orator*, C. N. Sims.

DELEGATES. — *Active Chapters* — *Maine*, C. S. Beckford; *Boston*, A. H. Flack, L. C. Hascall; *Harvard*, Eugene Wambaugh, Howard Lilienthal, A. deR. McNair; *Brown*, E. P. Allen, E. B. Harvey, A. P. Sumner; *St. Lawrence*, C. M. Baker, R. E. Sykes, Geo. Helmle; *Union*, J. R. VanNess, F. D. Hall, A. B. Bishop; *Colgate*, A. M. Dyer, A. H. Cole, C. C. Van Kirk; *Cornell*, F. R. Percival, F. E. Wilcox, A. A. Alling; *Columbia*, W. R. Baird, C. H. Doolittle; *Stevens*, R. L. Fearn, W. S. Dilworth, E. F. Lewis; *Pennsylvania*, Howard Stetler, W. E. Maison, R.

S. Maison; *Virginia*, J. E. Heath; *Centre*, B. G. Boyle; *Denison*, C. J. Seaman; *Kenyon*, J. Ed. Good, W. K. L. Warwick; *Wooster*, Jacob Brilles; *Western Reserve*, J. W. Andrews; *Ohio Wesleyan*, W. O. Robb, N. H. Fairbanks; *Indiana*, A. C. Patton; *DePauw*, Worth Merritt; *Michigan*, J. E. Beal, D. K. Cochrane; *Northwestern*, J. C. Bannister, E. M. Stevens, E. R. Tillinghast; *Kansas*, W. C. Ransom.

*Alumni Chapters*—*Chicago*, D. G. Hamilton, C. A. Foster; *Cincinnati*, A. S. Berry, S. G. Williams, W. O. Robb; *Cleveland*, C. J. Seaman, F. C. McMillin; *Providence*, C. R. Thurston, A. P. Hoyt; *New York*, W. R. Baird, J. T. Brown; *Richmond*, J. E. Heath.

1884. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua, August 19-22.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Ed. H. Terrell; *Vice Presidents*, Charles S. Wheeler, Thomas D. Wood, Chambers Baird; *Secretary*, Jacob Brilles; *Assistants*, J. J. G. Ruhm, R. B. Bloodgood; *Marshall*, F. Dixon Hall; *Assistant*, L. P. Conover.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Harvard*, Eugene Wambaugh, Chambers Baird; *Brown*, A. P. Sumner; *Boston*, O. H. Powers, J. H. McKenzie; *Maine*, L. W. Taylor; *Amherst*, T. C. Elliott, Warren E. Russell; *Union*, F. Dixon Hall; *Stevens*, G. Ed. Cook, E. G. Coldewey; *Columbia*, O. E. Coles, E. W. Newton; *Cornell*, G. T. Saal, J. T. Sackett; *St. Lawrence*, George B. Helmle; *Colgate*, E. C. Harding; H. E. Slaught, Charles H. Douglas; *Washington & Jefferson*, R. P. Patterson; *Johns Hopkins*, Sam G. Boyle; *Hampden-Sidney*, C. C. Lewis, H. C. V. Campbell, A. C. Finley; *Randolph-Macon*, H. L. Stewart; *Virginia*, W. C. White, Harry C. Warren; *Bethany*, A. J. Colborn, J. H. Mertz, J. A. Bell; *Centre*, Boyle G. Boyle, J. W. Kennedy, J. W. Guest; *Mississippi*, C. L. Jungerman; *Vanderbilt*, J. J. G. Ruhm, William T. Guild; *Western Reserve*, G. M. Fletcher; *Ohio Wesleyan*, M. G. Park, T. P. Terwilliger; *Wittenberg*, C. J. Pretzman, R. C. Bancroft; *Wooster*, E. E. Weaver, Jacob Brilles; *Kenyon*, R. B. Bloodgood, Lon M. Snyder, Harry C.

Ferris; *Ohio*, C. W. Delamatre; *DePauw*, J. C. Durham, E. H. Terrell; *Michigan*, J. E. Beal, E. L. Johnson; *Indiana*, A. C. Patton; *Wabash*, James Wilson; *Northwestern*, William D. Fullerton; *Iowa*, Rush C. Lake, Marion H. Dey; *Wisconsin*, L. P. Conover; *California*, Chas. S. Wheeler, C. W. Forbes, Guy Wilkinson; *Westminster*, B. H. Charles, W. C. Dobyns, E. F. McCausland; *Kansas*, W. C. Ransom.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Chicago*, R. W. Smith; *Cincinnati*, Eugene Wambaugh, Chambers Baird; *Cleveland*, C. J. Seaman; *Wheeling*, Jacob Brilles; *Providence*, E. P. Allen, William T. Magruder.

1885. *St. Louis, Mo., August 26-28.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, B. Gratz Brown; *Vice Presidents*, W. C. Ransom, J. Cal. Hanna, T. D. Marshall; *Secretary*, W. T. Smith; *Assistants*, C. A. Hall, B. H. Charles; *Marshal*, W. G. Hyde; *Assistant*, M. G. Park.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Harvard*, Chambers Baird; *Brown*, W. F. Angell; *Stevens*, C. A. Hall, Thomas G. Smith; *Cornell*, George F. Saal; *St. Lawrence*, P. P. Barnes; *Johns Hopkins*, Lee Sale; *Richmond*, C. D. Roy, Paul Y. Tupper; *Virginia*, George R. Lockwood; *Bethany*, J. F. Witmer; *Centre*, S. D. Roser, Lee Dunlap; *Mississippi*, T. D. Marshall; *Ohio Wesleyan*, M. G. Park; *Wooster*, J. Cal. Hanna; *Ohio*, W. G. Hyde; *DePauw*, J. G. Campbell, Frank M. Joyce, William Iglehart; *Michigan*, Charles L. Andrews, F. S. Velde, W. Teis Smith; *Beloit*, John R. Montgomery; *Wisconsin*, Joshua N. Sanborn; *Iowa*, C. M. Porter; *Iowa Wesleyan*, Will B. Hanna; *Westminster*, W. R. Dobyns, B. H. Charles, F. W. Sneed; *Kansas*, Charles D. Dean, Pliny L. Soper, Charles E. Parker.

1886. *Cincinnati, August, 25-27.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Frank M. Joyce; *Vice Presidents*, J. B. Ellis, Charles M. Hepburn, R. S. Maison; *Secretary*, Eugene Wambaugh; *Assistants*, G. C. Cox, J. H. McKenzie; *Marshal*, W. H. Pfau; *Assistant*, J. R. Montgomery.



DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Harvard*, Clinton Collins, Eugene Wambaugh, Alfred Gaither; *Maine State*, R. K. Jones; *Boston*, J. H. McKenzie, A. C. Poole; *Amherst*, Homer Gard; *Stevens*, J. L. Coker, Jr., R. H. Smith, C. A. Hall; *Cornell*, G. F. Saal, W. H. Pfau; *St. Lawrence*, W. T. Cristler, W. L. Caten; *Union*, A. J. Dillingham, Kelton C. Radliff; *Colgate*, W. H. Crawshaw; *Johns Hopkins*, H. H. Wiegand, Edgar Goodman; *Washington & Jefferson*, R. Harvey Young; *Pennsylvania*, R. S. Maison; *Dickinson*, F. M. Welsh; *Virginia*, J. F. McLeod, J. T. Edwards, C. M. Hepburn; *Richmond*, E. B. Pollard, C. D. Roy; *Centre*, W. E. Bryce, H. L. Briggs; *Vanderbilt*, J. B. Robertson, J. W. McClure, J. B. Ellis; *Miami*, Shaler Berry, J. N. Brown; *Western Reserve*, E. A. Clark; *Ohio Wesleyan*, E. L. Shannon, S. P. Withrow, Guy M. Clarke, *Wittenberg*, A. H. Smith, C. K. Mower, G. A. Billow; *Denison*, H. J. Kendig, C. S. Sprague, E. A. Williams; *Wooster*, D. F. Conrad, G. A. Shives, W. W. Barnett; *Kenyon*, H. C. Devin, A. C. Whitaker, G. C. Cox; *Ohio*, G. W. Reed, E. B. Skinner; *Ohio State*, W. G. Hyde, W. H. Siebert, Julius Floto; *DePauw*, J. L. Benedict, Harry Bowser, J. J. Hammond; *Hanover*, J. E. Abrams, J. C. Clemmons, T. R. Bridges; *Michigan*, L. B. Lee; *Indiana*, J. S. Shannon; *Wabash*, R. S. Thompson, F. W. Boudinot, A. A. McCain; *Northwestern*, D. H. Bloom, C. N. Zueblin; *Beloit*, J. R. Montgomery; *Wisconsin*, S. S. Cook; *Iowa*, Marvin H. Dey; *Iowa Wesleyan*, W. B. Hanna, C. R. Wooden, E. F. Smith; *Westminster*, R. L. Simpson.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Cincinnati*, John I. Covington, W. F. Boyd, F. M. Joyce; *Cleveland*, Charles J. Seaman.

1887. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua*, July 20-23.

OFFICERS.—*President*, James A. Beaver; *Vice Presidents*, John I. Covington, A. P. Sumner, George C. Manly; *Secretary*, Wilbur H. Siebert; *Assistants*, F. C. Whitehead, R. S. Maison. *Marshal*, L. E. Judson; *Assistant*, L. Montgomery.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Harvard*, Chambers Baird, Jr.

*Brown*, E. P. Allen, A. P. Sumner, A. P. Hoyt; *Amherst*, L. E. Judson, C. B. Raymond, W. P. Smith; *Stevens*, H. R. Smith; *St. Lawrence*, F. Y. Adams, E. Caldwell, C. A. Rich; *Cornell*, C. S. Fowler, H. Mack, J. J. Aspinwall; *Colgate*, H. C. Lyman, W. H. Crawshaw, C. C. Pierce; *University of Pennsylvania*, R. S. Maison; *Dickinson*, A. D. Yocum, *Bethany*, H. H. Rumble, W. G. King; *Richmond*, L. R. Hamberlin; *Centre*, H. Matthews; *Vanderbilt*, S. C. Williams, C. L. Jungerman; *Western Reserve*, J. E. Street, E. P. Hall, H. B. Herrick; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Charles S. Manley, F. M. Starr, S. R. Greer; *Wittenberg*, R. H. Grube, S. E. Greenawalt; *Denison*, D. Shepardson, C. J. Seaman; *Wooster*, W. M. Chamberlain, G. A. Nesbitt; *Kenyon*, H. C. Devin; *Ohio State*, Wilbur H. Siebert, Howard Hagler; *Miami*, J. N. Brown, W. E. Morris; *DePauw*, R. F. Kerr; *Michigan*, R. D. Lampson, J. D. Harman; *Indiana*, C. R. Madison; *Northwestern*, C. N. Zueblin, F. C. Whitehead, W. A. Hamilton; *Iowa*, D. Musser, P. Johnson; *Wisconsin*, G. S. Cook, W. R. Smith.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Washington*, J. C. Gordon; *New York*, John I. Covington; *Cleveland*, Charles J. Seaman.

1888. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua*, July 24-28.

OFFICERS.—*President*, Robert W. Smith; *Vice Presidents*, Charles L. Thornburg, Frank H. Scott, H. T. Fernald; *Secretary*, Winfield R. Smith; *Assistants*, Williston Manley, J. E. Gilpin; *Marshal*, C. N. Zueblin; *Assistant*, H. G. McKean; *Chaplain*, A. D. Hepburn; *Orator*, C. D. Roys; *Poet*, George Clarke Cox.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Harvard*, Chambers Baird; *Brown*, Clarence E. Converse, H. L. Sanford; *Maine State*, C. G. Cushman, A. P. Webster; *Amherst*, W. B. Doyle; *Stevens*, W. F. Phelps; *Cornell*, A. H. Grant, M. D. Makepeace, George Beebe, Jr.; *St. Lawrence*, J. M. Atwood, Mark Manley, George R. Hardie; *Colgate*, H. G. McKean, Frank A. Gallup, Charles A. Lemon; *Washington & Jefferson*, James S. Ramsay, G. W.

F. Birch; *Pennsylvania*, E. H. Edsall; *Dickinson*, F. M. Welsh; *Johns Hopkins*, J. E. Gilpin, Charles E. Simon, H. T. Fernald; *Randolph-Macon*, Percy Rowe; *Virginia*, Harry C. Warren; *Bethany*, W. R. Warren; *Centre*, John B. Worrall; *Vanderbilt*, C. L. Thornburg; *Western Reserve*, Charles Hickok; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Francis M. Starr; *Wittenberg*, R. H. Grube; *Denison*, Will C. Sprague; *Wooster*, W. M. Chamberlain; *Kenyon*, Geo. C. Cox; *Ohio*, Cal. Humphrey; *Ohio State*, Frank S. Kershaw, W. H. Siebert; *Miami*, W. J. Greer; *DePauw*, Wilmer D. Glenn; *Michigan*, L. R. Doud, A. D. Rich, R. D. Lampson; *Wabash*, S. A. Morrison; *Northwestern*, Charles N. Zueblin; *Wisconsin*, Winfield R. Smith; *Kansas*, Harry Buckingham, Charles E. Parker.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Chicago*, T. M. Baxter, C. D. Roys, F. H. Scott; *Washington*, J. C. Gordon; *New York*, John I. Covington; *Cincinnati*, A. D. Hepburn; *Cleveland*, Charles J. Seaman.

1889. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua*, July 23-27.

OFFICERS.—*President*, C. L. Thornburg; *Vice Presidents*, E. B. Chandler, W. P. Smith, C. W. Barnes; *Secretary*, C. N. Zueblin; *Assistants*, A. B. Faust, J. W. Gebhardt; *Marshalls*, F. M. Rooney, W. G. Newbrook.

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*berg*, J. W. Gebhart; *Denison*, Dan. Shepardson; *Wooster*, Robert M. Shannon; *Kenyon*, W. K. L. Warwick; *Ohio State*, F. E. Pomerene; *DePauw*, E. I. Antrim; *Indiana*, F. C. Davis; *Michigan*, J. D. Harmon, R. D. Lampson, A. D. Rich; *Wabash*, F. H. Boudinot; *Hanover*, John A. Carnagey; *Wisconsin*, C. B. Bird; *Northwestern*; H. E. Briggs, C. N. Zueblin, F. C. Whitehead; *California*, C. W. Barnes.

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1890. *Wooglin-on Chautauqua, August 25-30.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, John Reily Knox; *Vice Presidents*, Charles L. Thornburg, Joseph C. Gordon, Minton W. Talbot; *Secretary*, H. G. Budd, Jr.; *Assistants*, Ward B. Sawyer, D. J. Carlough; *Marshal*, William A. Field; *Assistant*, Lee S. Durham; *Orator*, Willis O. Robb; *Poet*, Willis Boughton.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*.—*Harvard*, Chambers Baird; *Brown*, C. C. Converse; *Maine State*, Wallace R. Farrington; *Amherst*, W. B. Doyle, Thomas W. Jackson; *Wesleyan*, D. J. Carlough, F. A. Galloway; *Stevens*, William A. Field; *Cornell*, Fred J. Miller, Willard P. Cooke, William G. Newbrook; *St. Lawrence*, E. B. Lent, Edw. W. Sanford; *Colgate*, Emmott Howd, E. C. Harmon; *Union*, J. W. Ferguson, W. J. Harder; *Columbia*, William R. Baird; *Syracuse*, E. Leroy Dow, H. J. Hamlin; *Dickinson*, H. G. Budd, Jr.; *Johns Hopkins*, S. Guy Snowden, James C. Johnston, L. B. Dorr; *Pennsylvania State*, H. W. Mitchell; *Hampden-Sidney*, Robert M. Mann; *Virginia*, Minton W. Talbot, Thomas Talbot; *Vanderbilt*, Herman D. Ruhm, Alfred Hume, Charles L. Thornburg; *Miami*, Walter L. Tobey; *Western Reserve*, C. A. Chapman, S. W. Berry, Clarence W. Fitch; *Washington & Jefferson*, Owen C. Underwood, H. T. Behrends, Jr.; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Willis O. Robb; *Bethany*, P. A. Berry; *Wittenberg*, Edwin O. Weaver, J. Cal. Kauffman; *Wooster*, Dudley J. Hard; *Kenyon*, W. K. L. Warwick; *Ohio State*, Charles P. Sigerfoos; *Cincinnati*, F. H. Constant, Ellis

Guy Kinkead; *DePauw*, Lee S. Durham; *Michigan*, J. D. Harmon; *Hanover*, B. W. Tyler; *Wisconsin*, C. A. Dickson; *Northwestern*, W. B. Sawyer; *Kansas*, Ernest B. Blaker; *California*, F. W. McNear.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*New York*, John I. Covington, William R. Baird; *Washington*, J. C. Gordon; *Cincinnati*, Charles M. Hepburn, Willis O. Robb; *Chicago*, A. D. Rich; *Springfield*, E. O. Weaver.

1891. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua*, August 3-8.

OFFICERS.—*President*, Joseph C. Gordon; *Vice Presidents*, Y. P. Morgan, Charles M. Hepburn, Charles S. Thomas; *Secretary*, Frank Henry Andrews; *Assistants*, Robert H. Fernald, Charles L. Sommers; *Marshal*, Harry A. Reese; *Assistant*, John W. Moore, Jr.; *Orator*, J. Cal Kauffman; *Poet*, James Taft Hatfield.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Brown*, Charles C. Converse; *Boston*, Harry E. Back; *Maine State*, Robert H. Fernald; *Amherst*, Joseph A. Goodrich; *Wesleyan*, Geo. W. Carter, David J. Carlough, John D. Stark; *Yale*, Otis H. Fisk; *Rutgers*, Chalmers P. Dyke; *Stevens*, Kingsley L. Martin, Fred H. McGahie; *Cornell*, Alfred J. Miller, William G. Newbrook, Edwin C. Clark; *St. Lawrence*, Lyman C. Ward; *Colgate*, Jay H. Scott, Charles A. Lemon; *Union*, Stephen G. Doig; *Columbia*, Arthur Stanley Ives; *Syracuse*, Marcus L. Glazer; *Dickinson*, Virgil Prettyman; *Johns Hopkins*, Earl P. Lothrop; *Pennsylvania State*, Albert D. Knittle; *Hampden-Sidney*, Robert M. Norvell; *North Carolina*, Wallace E. Rollins; *Virginia*, Frank H. Andrews; *Davidson*, Walter L. Lingle; *Randolph-Macon*, Richard H. T. Adams, Jr.; *Mississippi*, William T. Priestly; *Vanderbilt*, Orville A. Park; *Texas*, Levi T. Dashiell, Alfred C. McDaniel; *Miami*, Isaac M. Hughes; *Ohio*, Morris A. Henson; *Western Reserve*, William M. Hemperly, William T. Hastings; *Washington & Jefferson*, T. Grier Simonton; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Pennel Cherrington, Clarence S. Vandembark; *Wittenberg*, J. Cal.

Kauffman; *Denison*, Oscar L. Watkins; *Wooster*, Charles S. Brilles; *Kenyon*, W. K. L. Warwick; *Ohio State*, Herbert L. Johnston, William L. Graves; *Cincinnati*, Robert F. Bahmann; *DePauw*, Albert M. Cole, Clarence A. Royse, Lee S. Durham; *Indiana*, Charles S. Thomas; *Michigan*, John S. W. Holloway; *Wabash*, Jesse A. Greene; *Hanover*, John J. Bridges, *Knox*, Francis H. Sisson; *Beloit*, Charles S. Brett, George R. Jenkins; *Iowa*, Arthur J. Cox; *Wisconsin*, Warren A. Dennis; *Northwestern*, Harry W. Whitehead; *Minnesota*, Charles L. Sommers; *Westminster*, John W. Moore, Jr.; *California*, Albert C. Aiken; *Denver*, Everett F. Benedict; *Nebraska*, Harry A. Reese; *Missouri*, Eugene Atterbury, J. Bowman Sterling.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*New York*, John I. Covington; *Washington*, J. C. Gordon; *Cincinnati*, Charles M. Hepburn.

1892. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua*, August 3-9.

OFFICERS.—*President*, E. B. Chandler; *Vice Presidents*, T. M. Baxter, H. T. Fernald; *Secretaries*, Charles Clay Trabue, W. H. Austin, E. R. Hardy; *Marshals*, C. J. Parrish, J. V. McDonald; *Poet*, S. W. Foss.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*.—*Harvard*, Chambers Baird; *Brown*, Earle C. Arnold; *Boston*, E. R. Hardy; *Maine*, W. W. Crosby; *Amherst*, F. W. Beekman; *Dartmouth*, E. F. Ruggles; *Wesleyan*, Edwin B. Nichols, F. W. Ostrander; *Yale*, William B. Bailey; *Rutgers*, H. C. Cussler; *Stevens*, J. V. McDonald; *Cornell*, Willard H. Austin; *St. Lawrence*, Arthur R. Gledhill; *Colgate*, L. E. Brokaw; *Union*, John C. McAlpine, Miles Ayrault; *Columbia*, H. N. Hooper; *Syracuse*, Frank I. Richards, *Dickinson*, Clyde B. Furst; *Pennsylvania State*, Roy B. Mattern; *Lehigh*, William S. Jones; *Richmond*, L. R. Hamberlin; *Mississippi*, Samuel Holloway; *Vanderbilt*, Charles C. Trabue; *Cincinnati*, Elliott B. Palmer; *Ohio*, J. Chase Dowd; *Washington & Jefferson*, W. W. Maxwell; *Ohio Wesleyan*, J. Charles Parrish; *Denison*, F. W. Shepardson; *Wooster*, H. Platter; *Ohio State*, E. B. McCarter; *DePauw*, R. F. Darnall; *Michigan*, F.

Rich; *Knox*, Wilfred Arnold; *Beloit*, Sanford R. Catlin; *Northwestern*, Ransom E. Kennicott; *Minnesota*, Edward S. Avery; *California*, L. P. Rixford; *Nebraska*, Jas. B. MacDonald.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Chicago*, E. B. Chandler, T. M. Baxter; *Washington*, J. C. Gordon; *Cincinnati*, C. M. Hepburn.

1893. *Wooglin-on-Chautauqua*, July 26 to August 1.

OFFICERS.—*President*, John I. Covington;<sup>1</sup> *Vice Presidents*, William R. Baird, Williston Manley, B. H. Snell; *Secretaries*, R. E. Butrick, H. P. Pearsons, Charles T. Herbert; *Marshals*, G. V. Smith, A. F. Damon; *Orator*, Frank H. Scott; *Poet*, Charles K. Gaines.

DELEGATES.—*Active Chapters*—*Brown*, D. C. Chace; *Maine*, J. E. Harvey; *Dartmouth*, W. H. Ford; *Yale*, A. S. Briggs; *Boston*, E. R. Hardy; *Amherst*, B. H. Snell; *Wesleyan*, E. L. Steele; *Rutgers*, H. C. Weber; *Colgate*, J. O. Turner; *Syracuse*, F. L. Dutcher; *Stevens*, J. P. Klumpp; *St. Lawrence*, R. E. Butrick; *Columbia*, Donald MacGregor; *Union*, G. V. Smith; *Dickinson*, W. W. Uttley; *Penn'a. State*, A. F. Damon; *Johns Hopkins*, G. M. Bolling; *Lehigh*, W. V. Pettit; *Hampden-Sidney*, A. D. P. Gilmour; *North Carolina*, Thomas S. Rollins; *Davidson*, C. F. Rankin; *Centre*, R. G. Williams; *Mississippi*, H. S. Flood; *Texas*, L. L. Hardison; *Cumberland*, A. McClain; *Vanderbilt*, J. H. Ogbourn; *Miami*, W. R. McDonald; *Ohio*, E. E. Baker; *Washington & Jefferson*, A. P. Duncan; *Bethany*, Burns Darsie; *Denison*, E. F. O'Neal; *Cincinnati*, H. K. Dunham; *Ohio Wesleyan*, N. O. Ford; *Wittenberg*, D. F. Thomas; *Ohio State*, C. T. Herbert; *DePauw*, N. W. Jones; *Michigan*, D. C. Smith; *Indiana*, F. L. Gass; *Wabash*, A. S. Nelson; *Knox*, G. E. Stephens; *Iowa*, Curtis T. Dey; *Wisconsin*, H. H. Jacobs; *Beloit*, J. J. Moore; *Iowa Wesleyan*, C. E. Blodgett; *Northwestern*, H. P. Pearsons; *Westminster*, C. E. Hickok; *Califor-*

<sup>1</sup> Not present at any session, though expected when elected.

nia, C. L. McFarland; *Nebraska*, G. H. Whaley; *Denver*, J. E. Edwards.

*Alumni Chapters.*—*Pittsburg*, H. W. Mitchell, A. A. Patterson; *Nashville*, C. L. Thornburg; *Columbus*, J. Cal. Hanna; *New York*, W. R. Baird; *Cincinnati*, D. W. McClung, T. A. Reamy, Charles M. Hepburn.

1894. *Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 24-27*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Junius E. Beal; *First Vice President*, Maj. W. C. Ransom; *Second Vice President*, H. W. Mitchell, *Third Vice President*, E. R. Hardy; *First Secretary*, Walter C. Cabell; *Second Secretary*, R. B. Treadway; *Third Secretary*, W. P. Behan; *First Marshal*, J. W. B. Smith; *Second Marshal*, L. M. Ward.

DELEGATES.—*Harvard*, J. R. Farovid; *Brown*, G. B. Van Doren; *Boston*, J. F. Grove; *Maine*, A. H. Buck; *Amherst*, D. W. Morrow; *Dartmouth*, H. S. Baketel; *Wesleyan*, O. W. Hill; *Yale*, R. B. Treadway; *Rutgers*, Edward S. Cooper; *Cornell*, G. F. A. Brueggeman; *Stevens*, W. H. Corbett; *St. Lawrence*, L. D. Case and F. J. Arnold; *Colgate*, Charles Runyon; *Union*, Miles Ayrault; *Syracuse*, Maurice Fikes; *Dickinson*, Paul Appenzellar; *Pennsylvania State*, J. F. Rodgers and B. B. Horton; *Hampden-Sidney*, B. M. Rosebro; *Virginia*, W. C. Cabell; *Davidson*, A. P. Bauman; *Centre*, C. H. Ferran; *Cumberland*, A. B. Humphreys; *Vanderbilt*, J. B. Hildebrand; *Texas*, J. W. B. Smith; *Miami*, J. C. Evans. *Cincinnati*, H. C. Culbertson and H. K. Dunham; *Ohio*, H. G. Stalder; *Western Reserve*, F. M. Stevens; *Washington & Jefferson*, E. W. Heisey and J. E. Duncan, Jr.; *Ohio Wesleyan*, F. S. Moffett; *Wittenberg*, H. S. Kissell; *Denison*, C. C. Jones and L. S. Curtis; *Wooster*, J. C. Whedon, A. B. Clark and D. J. Hard; *Kenyon*, Arthur Dumper; *Ohio State*, W. V. T. Landis, R. D. McCarter, Jr. and R. D. Layton; *DePauw*, F. E. Strouse; *Indiana*, Harry W. McDowell; *Michigan*, R. W. Dunn, H. B. Otis and G. M. Chandler; *Wabash*, H. O. Allen; *Knox*, L. C. May-



nard; *Beloit*, N. E. Catlin, J. J. Moore and F. C. Jewell; *Chicago*, W. P. Behan and H. J. Smith; *Iowa Wesleyan*, J. A. Rominger; *Wisconsin*, L. M. Ward; *Northwestern*, E. H. Evers; *Minnesota*, H. H. Chapman; *Westminster*, W. E. Russell; *Kansas*, C. W. Miller; *California*, W. H. Gorrill; *Denver*, J. W. Sylvester; *Nebraska*, J. B. Becher; *Missouri*, K. Stone.

*Alumni Delegates*.—*Chicago*, Henry M. Echlin; *Columbus*, J. Cal. Hanna, Ralph K. Jones, W. H. Siebert; *Cincinnati*, Thad A. Reamy, Charles M. Hepburn, C. J. McDiarmid; *Nashville*, Charles L. Thornburg; *New York*, John I. Covington, James T. Brown; *Pittsburg*, A. A. Patterson, H. W. Mitchell; *St. Paul*, F. D. Monfort; *Providence*, H. S. Babcock.

1895. *Chicago*, July 23-27.

OFFICERS.—*President*, Dr. T. A. Reamy; *First Vice President*, W. A. Hamilton; *Second Vice President*, E. Bruce Chandler; *Third Vice President*, James T. Brown; *Secretary*, William R. Baird; *Second Secretary*, E. F. Coffin; *Third Secretary*, A. A. Ewart; *Fourth Secretary*, O. L. Spaulding; *First Marshal*, A. R. Sheriff; *Second Marshal*, J. A. Gwyn.

DELEGATES.—*Harvard*, A. R. Sheriff; *Yale*, L. R. Conklin, B. M. Kever, W. C. Garrison; *Maine*, E. E. Gibbs; *Dartmouth*, Nathan Jenks, E. S. Davidson; *Brown*, A. M. Allan; *Boston*, L. H. Bugbee, A. P. Pratt, O. H. Powers; *Amherst*, Sumner Blakemore, T. C. Elliot, S. S. Parks; *Wesleyan*, E. F. Coffin; *Rutgers*, C. A. Poulson; *Stevens*, A. E. Whitman; *Colgate*, W. B. Kelsey; *Columbia*, J. A. Alexander; *Cornell*, L. W. Simpson, C. M. Howe, H. O. Austin; *St. Lawrence*, W. W. Read, W. C. Hepburn, G. R. Hardie; *Union*, E. A. Sommer; *Syracuse*, R. A. Wilcox; *Pennsylvania State*, B. F. Fisher, Jr.; *Johns Hopkins*, Reid Hunt, Francis H. Sisson; *Lehigh*, W. G. Whilden, H. H. Jones; *Hampden-Sidney*, R. C. Somerville; *Virginia*, W. D. Blair; *North Carolina*, J. A. Gwyn, V. C. Mc-

Adoo; *Centre*, R. M. Hill; *Texas*, W. P. Lobban; *Cumberland*, C. R. Williamson; *Vanderbilt*, A. J. Jungerman; *Miami*, W. M. Montgomery, C. M. Glem, W. J. Greer; *Ohio*, D. H. Thomas; *Western Reserve*, Frank Stahl, D. B. Wolcott; *Ohio Wesleyan*, C. E. Hetherington; *Bethany*, H. A. Watson, Ira W. Kimmel, Ernest Garrison; *Denison*, W. C. Merrill, E. J. Phelps; *Kenyon*, J. A. Sipher; *Cincinnati*, O. P. Geier; *Washington & Jefferson*, J. A. Duncan, J. E. Duncan, Jr., T. W. Frye; *Wittenberg*, H. E. Simon, G. M. Cummings; *Wooster*, B. R. Machatton; *Ohio State*, L. T. Williams, R. E. Layton; *DePauw*, J. L. Gavin; *Michigan*, Chas. G. Cook, H. B. Otis, G. M. Chandler; *Hanover*, A. B. Rouse; *Knox*, E. M. Weeks, C. F. Laas, J. L. Crane; *Beloit*, F. W. Warner, Jr., W. E. Catlin, F. L. Pitkin; *Iowa*, C. T. Wright, F. M. Irish, T. R. Kimball; *Chicago*, E. E. Todd, C. S. Beach, D. S. Trumbull; *Iowa Wesleyan*, E. F. LaForce; *Wisconsin*, J. R. Richards, J. G. Smith, O. E. Libby; *Northwestern*, C. W. Spofford, G. A. Ramsey, J. E. Ward; *Minnesota*, R. M. Thompson, L. E. Clark, F. C. Faude; *Westminster*, C. H. Davis; *Kansas*, A. A. Ewart, C. W. Miller; *California*, G. M. Fisher; *Denver*, H. B. Young; *Nebraska*, B. E. Forbes, E. C. Ames; *Missouri*, A. E. Russell.

*Alumni Delegates*.—*Boston*, E. R. Hardy; *New York*, J. T. Brown, W. R. Baird; *Cincinnati*, C. M. Hepburn, Thad. A. Reamy; *Akron, O.*, J. Ed. Good; *Milwaukee*, G. E. Herrick; *Chicago*, W. Teis Smith, W. H. Hulburt, B. B. Davis, *Minneapolis*, F. M. Joyce; *St. Paul*, C. L. Somers; *St. Louis*, M. P. Drury; *Nashville*, C. L. Thornburg.

1896. *White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., July 28-31.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, Willis O. Robb; *First Vice President*, Willis Boughton; *Second Vice President*, Marshall P. Drury; *Third Vice President*, Wilkins Bruce; *Secretary*, C. J. McDiar- mid; *First Assistant Secretary*, E. R. James; *Second Assistant Secretary*, F. E. Vaughn; *Third Assistant Secretary*, C. M.

Howe; *Marshal*, Arthur S. Hoffman; *Assistant Marshal*, T. L. Shaffer

DELEGATES.—*Harvard*, Sam S. Montague; *Boston*, Geo. W. Bell; *Maine*, Edmund C. Upton; *Amherst*, Harry W. Conant; *Dartmouth*, Ed. K. Wordworth; *Wesleyan*, Myron B. Yaw; *Yale*, Alex B. Clark; *Rutgers*, Robt. W. Courtney; *Cornell*, Chas. M. Howe; *Stevens*, Alex B. Macbeth; *St. Lawrence*, Arthur E. Griffiths; *Colgate*, Warwick S. Ford; *Union*, James Wingate; *Columbia*, W. R. Baird; *Syracuse*, Fred J. Topping; *Dickinson*, Jos. A. McKeehan; *Johns Hopkins*, Alfred S. Harden; *Pennsylvania*, Geo. W. Riley; *Pennsylvania State*, Robt. M. McKinley; *Lehigh*, Francis D. Amen; *North Carolina*, Francis A. Gudger; *Virginia*, Stephen A. Ellison; *Hampden-Sidney*, A. D. P. Gilmour; *Davidson*, P. F. Henderson; *Centre*, H. Lucius, Montgomery; *Cumberland*, Albert G. Caldwell; *Vanderbilt*, Jas. B. Hildebrand; *Cincinnati*, W. D. Palmer; *Ohio*, Frank W. Moulton; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Frank C. Goodrich; *Bethany*, Alfred W. Place; *Wittenberg*, Edward H. Collis, A. H. Denison, W. C. Merrill; *Kenyon*, J. J. Dimon; *Ohio State*, Arthur S. Hoffman; *DePauw*, Eugene C. Shireman; *Indiana*, William A. Shryer; *Michigan*, Geo. M. Chandler; *Hanover*, Roy S. Eastman; *Knox*, Chas. F. Lass; *Beloit*, Royal C. Sercomb; *Iowa*, Raymond E. Peck; *Chicago*, F. E. Vaughn; *Iowa Wesleyan*, Aaron V. Blackford; *Wisconsin*, Ossian T. Waite; *Northwestern*, Geo. H. Miller; *Minnesota*, H. H. Woodman; *Westminster*, E. A. Neel; *Kansas*, Harold W. Smith; *California*, Otto F. Wedemeyer; *Denver*, Thos. L. Schaffer; *Nebraska*, Fred C. Cooley; *Missouri*, W. H. Dulaney; *Stanford*, Harry C. Hazzard.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Cincinnati*, T. A. Reamy, C. J. McDiar- mid, H. C. Culbertson; *Boston*, E. R. Hardy; *New York*, Jas. T. Brown; *Nashville*, Chas. L. Thornburg; *St. Louis*, Marshall P. Drury; *Indianapolis*, A. N. Grant.

1897. *Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 16-19.*

OFFICERS.—*President*, William A. Hamilton; *First Vice Pres-*

*ident*, Marshall P. Drury; *Second Vice President*, Edward R. Hardy; *Third Vice President*, Arthur E. Merkel; *Secretary*, George M. Chandler; *First Assistant Secretary*, Frederick A. Welles; *Second Assistant Secretary*, Charles S. Dole, *Marshal*, Robert W. Courtney; *Assistant Marshal*, Robert Frazier.

DELEGATES.—*Harvard*, Howard Coonley; *Boston*, W. E. C. Leonard; *Maine*, Bertrand R. Johnson; *Amherst*, Fred K. Dyer; *Dartmouth*, Elliot L. Perkins; *Wesleyan*, Walter B. Rile; *Yale*, Thomas M. Evans; *Rutgers*, Robert W. Courtney; *Cornell*, Clarence S. Moore; *Stevens*, Frederick A. Welles; *St. Lawrence*, Arthur B. Joy; *Colgate*, Wm. W. Barker; *Union*, Daniel H. Deyoe, Jr.; *Columbia*, Frederick H. Cluff; *Syracuse*, Robert Frazier; *Washington & Jefferson*, Archibald A. Wilson; *Pennsylvania*, W. P. Humphreys; *Dickinson*, J. Luther Sigmund; *Johns Hopkins*, Charles K. Winne, Jr.; *Pennsylvania State*, Joseph M. Curtin; *Lehigh*, D'Arcy W. Roper; *Hampden-Sidney*, Edward H. Barnett; *North Carolina*, Thomas C. Smith, Jr.; *Virginia*, W. Cabell Moore; *Davidson*, Samuel A. Robinson; *Centre*, R. Smith Dulin; *Cumberland*, Jorden S. Brown; *Mississippi*, Albert W. Hunt; *Vanderbilt*, Walter N. Davis; *Texas*, H. Roy Styles; *Miami*, Lee O. Lantis; *Cincinnati*, Morris R. Ebersole; *Western Reserve*, Henry E. Freeman; *Ohio*, Joseph T. Ullom; *Bethany*, William L. Fisher; *Ohio Wesleyan*, Jacob J. Coons; *Wittenberg*, Charles L. Boshey; *Denison*, Thomas B. Powell; *Wooster*, D. J. Flemming; *Kenyon*, Harry B. Shontz; *Ohio State*, David T. Keating; *DePauw*, Frederic A. Ogg; *Indiana*, Willis R. Hunter; *Michigan*, George M. Chandler; *Wabash*, George L. Denny; *Hanover*, Charles D. Billings; *Knox*, Francis H. Sisson; *Iowa*, J. L. Scheuerman; *Chicago*, Roy B. Tabor; *Iowa Wesleyan*, Miles Babb; *Wisconsin*, Orsimus Cole, Jr.; *Northwestern*, Barry Gilbert; *Minnesota*, Frank C. Faude; *Westminster*, Percy T. Van Dyke; *Kansas*, Webster Wilder; *California*, W. Wilfred Ransom; *Denver*, T. Bruce King; *Nebraska*, William H. Lehman; *Missouri*, George R. Wilkinson; *Stanford*, Charles S. Dole.

*Alumni Chapters.*—*Akron*, William B. Doyle and J. Ed. Good; *Boston*, Edward R. Hardy; *Charleston, W. Va.*, Robert M. Mann; *Chicago*, William A. Hamilton, E. Bruce Chandler and Henry M. Echlin; *Cincinnati*, Campbell J. McDiarmid, Milton Sayler and W. B. Spellmire; *Cleveland*, George F. Saal, Charles H. Taylor and Dudley J. Hard; *Columbus*, J. Cal Hanna; *Indianapolis*, Warren D. Oaks; *Minneapolis*, Robert M. Thompson; *New York*, William R. Baird, James T. Brown and Willis O. Robb; *St. Louis*, Marshall P. Drury.

1898. *Cincinnati, Ohio, July 19-22.*

**OFFICERS.**—*President*, Burton B. Tuttle; *First Vice President*, F. H. Sisson, *Second Vice President*, E. R. Hardy; *Third Vice President*, R. M. Thompson; *Secretary*, Warren D. Oaks, *First Assistant Secretary*, Howard Nieman; *Second Assistant Secretary*, J. D. Blything; *Marshal*, E. W. Jungerman, *Assistant Marshal*, C. E. Walters.

**DELEGATES.**—*Harvard*, J. H. Sherburn; *Brown*, R. C. Robinson; *Boston*, W. B. Poor; *Maine*, W. E. Belcher; *Amherst*, E. O. Damon; *Wesleyan*, R. W. Langford; *Yale*, S. Gilman; *Cornell*, W. R. Miller; *Stevens*, C. T. Myers; *St. Lawrence*, S. E. Gunnison; *Colgate*, C. E. Walters; *Union*, Louis Tinning; *Washington & Jefferson*, C. S. Bowman; *Dickinson*, H. S. Cannon; *Johns Hopkins*, T. H. Palmer; *Pennsylvania State*, J. N. Sherer, *Lehigh*, B. T. Converse; *Hampden-Sidney*, T. C. Jones; *Davidson*, C. M. Brown; *Centre*, M. R. Cotton; *Vanderbilt*, E. W. Jungerman; *Texas*, S. H. Schweer; *Miami*, C. G. Grulee; *Cincinnati*, R. R. Caldwell; *Western Reserve*, J. B. Austin; *Ohio*, H. Bahrman; *Ohio Wesleyan*, L. O. Hartman; *Bethany*, P. B. Cochran; *Wittenberg*, A. O. Gruver; *Denison*, W. E. Wright, *Kenyon*, C. H. Foster; *Ohio State*, R. J. King; *DePauw*, Charles S. Levings; *Indiana*, Jefferson D. Blything; *Wabash*, M. J. Welborn; *Hanover*, E. L. Throop; *Michigan*, T. R. Woodrow; *Knox*, C. A. Griffith; *Iowa*, J. M. Thompson; *Chicago*, P. Blackwelder; *Iowa Wesleyan*, C. W. Cochran;

*Wisconsin*, J. M. Barr; *Northwestern*, W. L. Herdien; *Minnesota*, P. Faude; *Westminster*, J. R. Baker; *Kansas*, J. E. Frisselle; *Denver*, C. Percy Fonda; *Nebraska*, E. M. Cramb; *Missouri*, George R. Wilkerson; *California*, Benjamin Bakewell; *Stanford*, F. B. Braden.

*Alumni Chapters*.—*Akron*, H. C. Hayes; *Boston*, E. R. Hardy; *Chicago*, H. M. Echlin, William A. Hamilton and C. H. Robinson; *Cincinnati*, Burton B. Tuttle, Charles M. Hepburn and E. Roy Meyers; *Columbus*, J. Cal Hanna and William L. Graves; *Indianapolis*, James L. Gavin and Warren D. Oakes; *Minneapolis*, Robert M. Thompson; *Springfield*, A. N. Slayton and A. S. Kissell; *Terre Haute*, Herbert V. Barbour.

1899. *Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 28-Aug. 1.*

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[NOTE—The convention of 1907 was held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 23-26, while this book was in press and too late to insert here the roll of its delegates.]



## CHAPTER XXI.

### *The Greek World and its Inhabitants.*

From the fact that the college societies have, with few exceptions, borne Greek names, it is quite common to hear them referred to collectively as the "Hellenic" world, and to apply to them and their relations, terms derived from the conditions of ancient Greece. The common meetings of rival societies have evoked the term "Pan-Hellenic," and in many colleges the usual term for non-fraternity men is "barbarian," in strict analogy to ancient Greek practice.

Beta Theta Pi is one of the principal inhabitants of this little world, and though we have made frequent mention of its other residents, it may not be unprofitable to consider them and their ways collectively.

The Greek letter societies among the ladies, the strictly professional societies, and many of the local societies existing in but one college, have little to interest us in this connection.

Leaving these out of account, there are 30 societies which our chapters meet in friendly rivalry at the institutions of learning where the usual college courses are pursued, and four others which they meet at places where

the instruction has somewhat of a professional or technical character.

These societies vary much in their age, aims, standing, purposes and importance. To the experienced observer of college men, it is seen that certain characteristics seem to obtain among the members of some of the societies throughout all of their chapters, while in others the utmost diversity will exist among the members of neighboring chapters, even when they have opportunities for frequent social intercourse. There are, however, some traits common to all. The members of each embrace the tenets of their peculiar organization with enthusiasm, firmly believe that their own organization has elements of superiority peculiar to itself and that its alumni possess a unique spirit of loyalty more or less lacking in the alumni of rival orders.

These notions are common to youth, and many never outgrow them. And it is to be regretted when ideas of worldly advancement and pecuniary, or other benefit, overthrow these ardent sentiments of allegiance and fidelity and result in the desertion of one order for another. Happily, instances of this kind have been rare enough to emphasize the prevalent sentiment of loyalty.

The fraternities may be readily separated into groups, according to principles of classification well understood in the college world.

In the first place the fraternities are national and sectional. The fraternity system arose in the east, spread to the west at an early date and a little later entered the

south. We have in consequence societies of eastern, western and southern origin.

The societies of western origin are  $\mathbf{B\Theta\Pi}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Phi\Delta\Theta}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Sigma X}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Phi\Gamma\Delta}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Phi K \Psi}$  and  $\mathbf{\Delta T \Delta}$ . They have all become national in extent and sentiment. Starting in the west, they developed there until they acquired strength and standing in the heart of the country. They spread first to the south and then to the east and finally to the Pacific coast. Their chapters in the south and east are as important and as strong as the sectional fraternities in those groups of states. They have the common characteristics of vim and energy and well organized administrative systems. They each have practically perfected their organic law, have established and maintain well edited journals and have placed the majority of their chapters in chapter houses. Each of them have a few chapters in colleges of inferior grade, established in former times when the lines of educational advance were not so clearly perceived as now and yet with rare loyalty retaining such chapters on their rolls and keeping in touch with their alumni.

There are two groups of societies of eastern origin. The first of these comprises  $\mathbf{A \Delta \Phi}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Psi Y}$  and  $\mathbf{\Delta K E}$ . They are mentioned together and are commonly bracketed together in the minds of college men because they have developed side by side and have many common ideas and practices. They are, indeed, rivals of each other more frequently than of other societies, and have the common characteristics of chapters of large size and literary work in their meetings.  $\mathbf{A \Delta \Phi}$  perhaps excels in literary spirit,

and  $\Delta K E$  in the cultivation of the social side of life, while  $\Psi Y$  occupies a middle ground. Each has had peculiar chapters. At Harvard,  $A \Delta \Phi$  and  $\Delta K E$  degenerated into class clubs, with slight connection with the rest of the fraternity. Each has made feeble attempts at nationalization.  $\Delta K E$  in this has distanced the other two and has good chapters in the west and south but  $A \Delta \Phi$  and  $\Psi Y$  have made such efforts at extension only in the west and too late to secure in that region the position they hold in the east.

Another group of eastern societies well defined in the minds of college men, consists of  $X \Phi$ ,  $X \Psi$ ,  $\Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta \Psi$ ,  $K A$ ,  $\Delta Y$ ,  $\Sigma \Phi$ ,  $Z \Psi$  and  $\Theta \Delta X$ . These are societies of eastern origin, existing alongside of  $A \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Psi Y$  and  $\Delta K E$ , frequently successfully disputing the leadership with them at individual colleges, and yet correctly classified as minor societies. Some of them have been conservative in the matter of extension until relatively they are weak endeavoring to be select, and with small numbers in places where they have formulated a contrary practice, of great importance locally; and still in other ways which relegate them to the level of the average well in-

fraternities originated in  $A$ ,  $\Pi K A$ ,  $A T \Omega$ ,  $K \Sigma$ , and  $\Theta \Delta X$  has purposely confined its chapters.  $\Pi K A$  has pursued a

similar policy. It would probably be difficult for either fraternity at the present time successfully to establish chapters at the good colleges in the north and east, although they might succeed at some of the colleges where the fraternity chapters are not now sufficiently numerous to afford social advantages to a majority of the students.

A T Ω, Σ A E, K Σ and Σ N have spread into the other sections of the country until they are nationalized in character and spirit. They have each made the mistake of establishing numerous chapters at second and third rate colleges. They resemble the societies of western origin and have well managed systems of administration, support good journals and are rapidly securing houses for their chapters.

In addition there are a few fraternities which can hardly be classified, for instance, Φ K Σ which has its chapters about equally distributed, east, north and south, but is not widely enough distributed to be national, Φ Σ K and A X P, minor societies of somewhat late origin in the east, Σ Φ E, a recent southern society, and Ω Π A and Δ Σ Φ, two very young societies in the neighborhood of New York and Θ X with two small chapters in New England.

It will of course be understood that the rolls of the chapters change constantly. New chapters are established and old chapters become inactive. The system is rapidly developing and it will not be many years before all of the fairly well established colleges will be provided with chapters.

We give below a list of the chapters in each fraternity. They are arranged according to a somewhat novel system, devised by William A. Hamilton, Northwestern, '79, although we have not precisely followed his classification. The colleges are divided into three groups. Group I comprises institutions generally conceded to be of the first class. Group II comprises those of the second class and Group III those of third class. By these terms is meant first, second and third class from a fraternity standpoint. Other competent critics might vary somewhat from this arrangement, but would not make any very great change.

There is maintained in these lists also a sub-classification into Central Western, Eastern, Ultra Western and Southern colleges. The Canadian colleges are included with those of the east.

BETA THETA PI. (I). Beloit, Case, Chicago, Cincinnati, Denison, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas, Kenyon, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, Purdue, Washington (Mo.), Western Reserve, Wisconsin; Amherst, Boston, Bowdoin, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Johns Hopkins, Lehigh, Maine, Pennsylvania, Penn'a State, Syracuse, Toronto, Union, Wesleyan, Yale; California, Colorado University, Stanford, Washington State; North Carolina, Texas, Vanderbilt, Virginia, West Virginia.

(II). DePauw, Iowa Wesleyan, Knox, Miami, Ohio, Wabash, Wooster, Colgate, Dickinson, Rutgers, St. Law-

rence, Washington and Jefferson; Denver; Central, Davidson, Oklahoma.

(III.) Hanover, Westminster, Wittenberg, Bethany, Hampden-Sidney.

PHI DELTA THETA. (I). Case, Chicago, Cincinnati, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, Purdue, Washington (Mo.), Wisconsin; Amherst, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Lafayette, Lehigh, McGill, Pennsylvania, Penn'a State; Syracuse, Toronto, Union, Vermont, Williams; California, Colorado University; Stanford, Washington State; Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, Vanderbilt, Virginia.

(II). DePauw, Indianapolis, Iowa Wesleyan, Knox, Miami, Ohio, South Dakota, Wabash; Allegheny, Colby, Dickinson, Washington and Jefferson, Alabama Polytechnic, Central, Emory, Georgia Technology, Mississippi, Tulane, University of the South, Washington and Lee.

(III.) Franklin (Ind.), Hanover, Lombard, Westminster, Pennsylvania College, Kentucky State, Mercer, Southwestern, Randolph-Macon.

SIGMA CHI. (I). Beloit, Chicago, Cincinnati, Denison, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, Purdue, Washington (Mo.), Wisconsin; Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Lafayette, Lehigh, Maine, M. I. T., Pennsylvania, Penn'a State, Syracuse, Califor-

nia, Colorado College, Stanford, Washington State; Texas, Vanderbilt, Virginia, West Virginia.

(II). Arkansas, DePauw, Indianapolis, Miami, Wooster; Bucknell, Dickinson, Montana, Southern California, Central, George Washington, Mississippi, Tulane, Washington & Lee.

(III). Albion, Hanover, Illinois Wesleyan, Hobart, Pennsylvania College, Kentucky State,

PHI GAMMA DELTA. (I). Chicago, Denison, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, Purdue, Western Reserve, Wisconsin; Amherst, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Johns Hopkins, Lafayette, Lehigh, Maine, M. I. T., N. Y. U., Pennsylvania, Penn'a State; Syracuse, Union, Yale; California, Stanford, Washington State; Alabama, Texas, Virginia.

(II). DePauw, Knox, Wabash, Wooster; Allegheny, Bucknell, Colgate, Trinity (Conn.), Washington & Jefferson, Wooster Polytechnic; Tennessee, Washington & Lee.

(III). Hanover, Illinois Wesleyan, William Jewell, Wittenberg; Pennsylvania College; Bethel, Richmond.

PHI KAPPA PSI. (I). Beloit, Case, Chicago, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, Purdue, Wisconsin; Amherst, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Johns Hopkins, Lafayette, Pennsylvania;



Syracuse; California, Stanford; Texas, Vanderbilt, Virginia, West Virginia.

(II). DePauw, Allegheny, Bucknell, Colgate, Dickinson, Swartmore, Washington & Jefferson; Mississippi, Washington & Lee.

(III). Franklin & Marshall, Wittenberg, Brooklyn Polytechnic, Pennsylvania College.

DELTA TAU DELTA. (I). Chicago, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kenyon, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, Western Reserve, Wisconsin; Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Lafayette, Lehigh, M. I. T., Pennsylvania, Purdue, Stevens, Wesleyan, California, Colorado University, Stanford; Texas, Vanderbilt, Virginia, West Virginia.

(II). Armour, Baker, DePauw, Indianapolis, Ohio, Wabash, Allegheny, Rensselaer, Tufts, Washington & Jefferson; Emory, George Washington, Mississippi, Tulane, University of The South, Washington & Lee.

(III). Albion, Hillsdale.

ALPHA DELTA PHI. (I.) Chicago, Kenyon, Michigan, Minnesota, Western Reserve, Wisconsin; Amherst, Bowdoin, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, McGill, Toronto, Union, Wesleyan, Williams, Yale.

(II.) C. C. N. Y. Hamilton, Rochester, Trinity (Conn.)

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON. Chicago, Illinois, Kenyon, Michigan, Minnesota, Western Reserve, Wisconsin; Am-

herst, Bowdoin, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Lafayette, M. I. T., McGill, Pennsylvania, Syracuse, Toronto, Wesleyan, Williams, Yale; California, Stanford, Alabama, North Carolina, Vanderbilt, Virginia.

(II). DePauw, Miami, Colby, Colgate, C. C. N. Y., Hamilton, Rensselaer, Rochester, Rutgers, Trinity (Conn.); Central, Mississippi, Tulane.

(III). Middlebury.

PSI UPSILON. (I). Chicago, Kenyon, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Amherst, Bowdoin, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Lehigh, N. Y. U., Pennsylvania, Syracuse, Union, Wesleyan, Yale, California.

(II). Hamilton, Rochester, Trinity (Conn.)

DELTA UPSILON. (I) Chicago, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Western Reserve, Wisconsin; Amherst, Bowdoin, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Lafayette, Lehigh, M. I. T., McGill, N. Y. U., Pennsylvania, Syracuse, Toronto, Union, Williams; California, Stanford.

(II.) Colby, Colgate, Hamilton, Rochester, Rutgers, Swarthmore, Tufts.

(III). Marrietta, Middlebury.

THETA DELTA CHI. (I). Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Amherst, Boston, Bowdoin, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Lafayette, Lehigh, M. I. T., McGill, Williams; California, Stanford.

(II.) C. C. N. Y., Hamilton, Rochester, Tufts, George Washington.

(III). Hobart, William & Mary.

ZETA PSI. (I). Case, Michigan, Minnesota; Bowdoin, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Lafayette, McGill, N. Y. U., Pennsylvania, Syracuse, Toronto, Williams; Yale, California, Stanford, North Carolina, Virginia.

(II). Colby, Rutgers, Tufts.

CHI PHI. (I). Ohio State; Amherst, Cornell, Dartmouth, Lafayette, Lehigh, M. I. T., Stevens, California, Georgia, Texas, Virginia.

(II). Rensselaer, Rutgers, Yale (Sheffield), Emory, Georgia Technology.

(III). Franklin & Marshall, Hampden-Sidney, Wofford.

CHI PSI. (I). Chicago, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Amherst, Cornell, Lehigh, Stevens, Union, Wesleyan, Williams; California, Stanford; Georgia.

(II). Hamilton, Rutgers.

(III). Middlebury, Wofford.

SIGMA PHI. (I). Michigan, Cornell, Lehigh, Union, Vermont, Williams.

(II). Hamilton.

(III.) Hobart.

DELTA PSI. (I). Columbia, M. I. T., Pennsylvania, Williams, Virginia.

(II). Trinity (Conn.). Yale (Sheffield), Mississippi.

DELTA PHI. (I). Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Lehigh, N. Y. U., Pennsylvania, Union.

(II). Rensselaer, Rutgers, Yale (Sheffield).

KAPPA ALPHA. (I). Cornell, Lehigh, McGill, Toronto, Union, Williams.

(III.) Hobart.

KAPPA ALPHA (Southern). (I.) Missouri, Johns Hopkins, Washington (Mo.), California, Stanford, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, Vanderbilt, Virginia, West Virginia.

(II.) Arkansas, Missouri Mines, Alabama Polytechnic, Central, Davidson, Emory, George Washington, Georgia Technology, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Tulane, University of The South, Washington & Lee.

(III.) Drury, Westminster, William-Jewell Delaware, Bethany, Charleston, Florida, Georgetown (Ky.). Hampden-Sidney, Kentucky, Kentucky-State, Kentucky Wesleyan, Louisiana State, Mercer, Millsaps, North Carolina Agricultural, Randolph-Macon, Richmond, Southern, Southwestern, Trinity (N. C.), William & Mary, Wofford.

PI KAPPA ALPHA. (I.) North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia.

(II). Arkansas, Missouri Mines, Alabama Polytechnic, Davidson, Georgia Technology, Tennessee, Tulane, University of The South, Washington & Lee.

(III.) Centenary, Florida State, Cumberland, Hampden-Sidney, Kentucky, Kentucky State, Louisiana State, Millsaps, North Carolina Agricultural, North Georgia Agricultural, Presbyterian College of South Carolina,

Richmond, Roanoke, S. W. Presbyterian, Trinity (N. C.), William & Mary, Wofford.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA. (I.) Chicago, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, Purdue, Western Reserve, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Maine, M. I. T., Pennsylvania, Vermont, California, Colorado University, Washington State; Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, Vanderbilt, Virginia.

(II.) Rose Polytechnic, Wooster; Colby, St. Lawrence, Tufts, Washington & Jefferson, Alabama Polytechnic, Emory, Georgia Technology, Tennessee, Tulane, University of The South, Washington & Lee.

(III.) Adrian, Albion, Hillsdale, Mt. Union, Simpson; Wittenberg, Muhlenberg, Pennsylvania College, Charleston, Mercer, Southern, S. W. Baptist, S. W. Presbyterian, Trinity (N. C.)

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON. (I.) Case, Chicago, Cincinnati, Illinois, Iowa, Iowa State, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, Purdue, Washington (Mo.), Wisconsin; Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Maine, M. I. T., Pennsylvania, Penn'a State, Syracuse; California, Colorado Mines, Colorado University, Stanford, Washington State; Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, University of The South, Vanderbilt, Virginia.

(II). Arkansas, Allegheny, Bucknell, Dickinson, Worcester Polytechnic, Denver, Alabama Polytechnic, Central, Davidson, Emory, George Washington, Georgia

Technology, Mississippi, Tennessee, Tulane, Washington & Lee.

(III). Adrian, Franklin (Ind.), Mt. Union, Pennsylvania College, St. Stephens, Bethel, Cumberland, Kentucky State, Louisiana State, Mercer, Southern, S. W. Baptist, S. W. Presbyterian, Wofford, Boston Law School.

SIGMA NU. (I). Case, Chicago, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Northwestern, Ohio State, Purdue, Washington (Mo.), Wisconsin; Cornell, Dartmouth, Lafayette, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Stevens, Syracuse, Vermont; California, Colorado Mines, Colorado University, Stanford, Oregon, Washington State; Alabama, Georgia; North Carolina, Texas, Vanderbilt, Virginia, West Virginia.

(II.) Arkansas, DePauw, Missouri Mines, Rose Polytechnic, Montana, Alabama Polytechnic, Emory, Georgia Technology, Tulane, Washington & Lee.

(III.) Albion, Lombard, Mt. Union, William-Jewel, Bethany, Louisiana State, Howard, Kentucky State, Mercer, North Carolina Agricultural, North Georgia Agricultural.

KAPPA SIGMA. (I). Case, Chicago, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio State, Purdue, Washington (Mo.), Wisconsin; Bowdoin, Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Lehigh, Maine, N. Y. U., Pennsylvania, Penn'a State, Syracuse, Vermont; Colorado College, Colorado Mines, California,

Oregon, Stanford, Washington State; Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, Vanderbilt, Virginia.

(II.) Arkansas, Baker, Lake Forest, Missouri Mines, Wabash, Bucknell, Dickinson, Swarthmore, Washington & Jefferson, Denver, Alabama Polytechnic, Davidson, George Washington, Georgia Technology, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Tulane, Washington & Lee, University of The South.

(III.) William-Jewell, Mass. Agricultural, Maryland, New Hampshire Agricultural, Idaho, Cumberland, Hampden-Sidney, Kentucky State, Louisiana State, Mercer, Millsaps, North Carolina Agricultural, Randolph-Macon, Richmond, Southwestern, S. W. Baptist, S. W. Presbyterian, Trinity (N. C.), William & Mary, Wofford.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA. (I). Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Lehigh, M. I. T., Pennsylvania, Penn'a State, Stevens, Williams, Yale, West Virginia.

(II.) C. C. N. Y., St. Lawrence, George Washington, Queens.

(III.) Franklin & Marshall, Massachusetts Agricultural, Maryland, St. Johns (Md.), Union Medical (Albany) College.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA. (I.) Chicago, Illinois, Northwestern, Purdue, Wisconsin, Columbia, M. I. T., Maine, Pennsylvania, Penn'a State; California, Alabama, Vanderbilt, Virginia, West Virginia.

(II.) Armour, Dickinson, Washington & Jefferson; Georgia Technology, Tulane, Washington & Lee.

(III.) Franklin & Marshall, Maryland, Charleston, Randolph-Macon, Richmond.

ALPHA CHI RHO. (I). Columbia, Lafayette, Pennsylvania, Syracuse, Yale.

(II.) Dickinson, Trinity (Conn.)

(III.) Brooklyn Polytechnic.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON. (I). Purdue, Pennsylvania, Syracuse, Colorado University, North Carolina, West Virginia.

(II.) Washington & Lee.

(III.) Ohio Northern, Western University of Pennsylvania, Jefferson Medical, North Carolina Agricultural, Richmond, William & Mary, Illinois (Medical.)

OMEGA PI ALPHA. (I.) Columbia, Lehigh, N. Y. U., Pennsylvania.

(II.) C. C. N. Y., Rutgers.

DELTA SIGMA PHI. (I). Columbia, Cornell, M. I. T., N. Y. U., Penn'a State.

(II). C. C. N. Y., Washington & Lee.

A consideration of these lists will show how the nationalization of the societies has progressed.

B Θ II has chapters in practically all of the colleges of group I except Harvard, Lafayette, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New York University, Vermont, Williams, Colorado College, Colorado Mines, Oregon, Alabama, Georgia, McGill. In what may be called the colleges of the better class in group II, B Θ II has no



chapters at Arkansas, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Hamilton, Worcester Polytechnic, Rochester, Georgia Technology, Tulane, University of The South and Washington & Lee.

There are also some growing state universities where as yet only local fraternities are represented, for instance, Wyoming, Idaho, Nevada and Utah. These are developing rapidly.

Petitions from all of the above colleges have been received by the fraternity, but in each case some peculiar circumstances have prevented the granting of a charter. If proper petitions were received from Washington & Lee and Williams, they would probably be granted in order that our inactive chapters at those institutions might be revived. The same is true of Harvard. Of the other colleges mentioned above, it may be said that the fraternity would in all probability act favorably upon petitions from any of them from applicants of proper character, well organized, who have demonstrated their ability to cope with rival fraternities, to maintain a high standard and to be in every way worthy to enter the fraternity. It may be stated that the burden of proof is upon every group of applicants to demonstrate that Beta Theta Pi ought not in justice to itself reject their application.

It will readily be seen from the foregoing list that practically all the fraternities having any basis of a claim to nationality are represented by chapters at Chicago, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Brown, Colum-

bia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Pennsylvania, and California. That the widespread fraternities of Western and Southern origin are equally well represented at Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Northwestern, Purdue, Vanderbilt, and Virginia; that the fraternities of Western and Eastern origin meet more or less fully at Kenyon, Ohio State, Lafayette, Lehigh, Toronto, McGill, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Union, and that fraternities of Western and Southern origin met in the south at North Carolina, Texas, West Virginia.

Furthermore, it is seen that each group of fraternities is in the colleges of minor importance only in that region of the country where it originated. For instance, B @ II in group III is represented in Central, Hanover, and Westminster, A Δ Φ, Ψ Υ and Δ Κ Ε at Trinity, Δ Κ Ε, X Ψ and Δ Υ at Middlebury. In other words, with the exception of some of the fraternities of southern origin which have been liberal to the point of indiscretion, the fraternities have been the more particular about the colleges they have entered the farther away they were from the place of their origin, a conclusion quite contrary to the opinion of many students in this field.

The smaller fraternities of eastern origin, like Δ Φ, Σ Φ, Δ Ψ, Κ Α, have apparently deliberately chosen to restrict their numbers and location severely. They have of late years aimed to secure members who had wealth and social prominence rather than excellence in scholarship and have drawn their members from the "society" classes of Boston, New York and Philadelphia. This

gives them a strong position with representatives of such classes in many of the colleges where they are located.

To a certain extent, but not to as great an extent, Z  $\Psi$ , X  $\Psi$ , X  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  Y and A  $\Delta$   $\Phi$  have set up the same standards and criterions of membership.

Such standards, while they secure the adherence of the unthinking and the somewhat large class in America who regard the possession of wealth as practically the sole criterion of success, do not appeal to the well informed, the thoughtful, and the studious. In the east,  $\Delta$  K E and  $\Delta$  Y have had a saner and sterner conception of the fraternity mission, and in the west and south B  $\Theta$   $\Pi$ ,  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$ ,  $\Phi$   $\Gamma$   $\Delta$  and  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$  have always lived up to such conception. K A and  $\Pi$  K A in our opinion have weakened their influence by remaining sectional. They have missed and are missing the broadening influence of a national spirit. Yielding as they must to the natural desire for growth but restricted by self imposed geographical limitations they are mainly in second and third rate colleges and if their policy is persisted in must remain so.

With the advent of the chapter house system, there has occurred silently a great change in the relation of the undergraduate to the college authorities. At the present time probably more than three-fourths of the active and progressive students in the leading colleges are no longer under college control in dormitories but are under fraternity control in chapter houses. This has transferred the responsibility for the social life of the fraternity men from the college authorities to the alum-

ni of the chapters maintaining chapter houses at the colleges. It is therefore of more importance for a student rightly to choose his fraternity than his college. If a student enters a college of good reputation with a competent faculty and ample facilities but joins a fraternity composed of the idle rich and the socially pretentious, he is not only wasting his opportunities but possibly wrecking his future career. If on the contrary, he enters a college not so well equipped but joins a fraternity composed of earnest students with high ideals and a chapter reputation to maintain, he may and probably will graduate with a fair prospect of success before him.

There would seem to be little room for new and wide spread fraternities to occupy. The rivalry between the chapters in each college is generally narrowed to two or three chapters, and those possessing a national reputation and prominent alumni, and being able to offer to the discriminating student the advantages of a subsequent basis of acquaintance in widespread localities, would seem of necessity to lead. The tendency is rather toward the consolidation or federation of existing orders than the foundation of new ones. In some few colleges, notably Dartmouth, Vermont, Wesleyan and Yale, one or more local societies are maintained chiefly by appealing to the student's loyalty to his chosen college.

But there is ample room for three or four new fraternities to exist at the larger institutions having several hundred students in their undergraduate departments, like

Wisconsin, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, and where there are of necessity some excellent men who now never have an opportunity to join a good chapter.

We have elsewhere, in the pages of *American College Fraternities*,<sup>1</sup> set forth the salient points in regard to each fraternity as they existed in 1905, and reference may be made to that or other sources of information for further details concerning the fraternities. It may however be said of the place of Beta Theta Pi in the fraternity world, that it was the first of the fraternities originating in the west; that it established the pioneer chapters in Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois and Indiana, published the first fraternity journal, and originated many characteristic features of fraternity life and organization.

Nothing need be said to Betas concerning the peculiar characteristics of their fraternity, or why or how it differs from others. To outsiders it has always appeared as a pushing, aggressive order, inspiring in its members peculiar enthusiasm, endeavoring to use its resources and influence for their advancement, and trying in all honorable ways to work in harmony with the authorities of the institutions wherein its chapters are located.

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